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ACHESON CHALLENGES USSR

Europeans missing as launch sinks

Two European passengers, a man and his wife, from the ss. Steel Navigator, were reported missing last night as a result of a collision in the harbor.

The Union Motor Boat launch, Australia, which went to buoy No. A2 where the Steel Navigator was moored, to bring passengers ashore, collided with a Yumanti ferry, the Man Tuo, and sank about 10.30 last night.

Exactly how many passengers the Australia took on board was not revealed last night but it was certain that two Europeans were on board.

The pilot, Tong Ki, of the Australia, was rescued by the Man Tuo and was taken to Queen Mary Hospital in a critical condition.

Two other members of the Australia's crew were also rescued. They were not injured.

Police launches were still conducting a search of the area late last night.

Europeans book passage for Shanghai

About 100 European passengers from Hong Kong will embark on the mercantile General Gordon before she sails for Shanghai to evacuate foreign nationals with the joint permission of both the Communist and Nationalist authorities.

The American transport is due to arrive here early tomorrow morning.

Naval escort for the protection of the General Gordon will be provided by the United States Seventh Fleet.

A group of LST's are now en route from Japan to the mouth of the Yangtze to meet the General Gordon. Passengers will be ferried up and down the river from the transport aboard these craft.

Meanwhile, bookings for passage to Shanghai are still under way, the fact it was learned last evening, no Chinese passenger has been accepted.

IRO evacuation

A report from Shanghai said a combination transport-hospital ship is being sent there sometime late in April by the International Refugee Organization to take out some 300 or more invalid and aging refugees for Palestine and Europe, adds Associated Press.

Several hundred other IRO refugees are expected to leave earlier in the General Gordon.

After loading the Shanghai-bound, the Gordon will proceed to Yokohama, where many of the evacuees will transfer to other ships bound for Hong Kong or Europe.

NEHRU TO VISIT MEXICO

Mexico City, March 16. The Indian Prime Minister, Mr. Jawaharlal Pandit, will visit Mexico in September, the newspaper "Ultimas Noticias" reported today.

There was no immediate official comment on the report.

The Weather

At 0600 GMT (2 p.m. HKST) the weather conditions over the South China Sea dominated the area.

Today's Forecast: Moderate or fresh S. winds. Fair.

Yesterday's Weather: Maximum: 85.0 deg. F. Minimum: 65.0 deg. F. Sunshine: 8.5 hours.

Forecast: 1. Total since Jan. 1: 91.4 mm. 2. Since Jan. 1: 11.4 mm. 3. Since Jan. 1: 11.4 mm. 4. Since Jan. 1: 11.4 mm. 5. Since Jan. 1: 11.4 mm. 6. Since Jan. 1: 11.4 mm. 7. Since Jan. 1: 11.4 mm. 8. Since Jan. 1: 11.4 mm. 9. Since Jan. 1: 11.4 mm. 10. Since Jan. 1: 11.4 mm. 11. Since Jan. 1: 11.4 mm. 12. Since Jan. 1: 11.4 mm. 13. Since Jan. 1: 11.4 mm. 14. Since Jan. 1: 11.4 mm. 15. Since Jan. 1: 11.4 mm. 16. Since Jan. 1: 11.4 mm. 17. Since Jan. 1: 11.4 mm. 18. Since Jan. 1: 11.4 mm. 19. Since Jan. 1: 11.4 mm. 20. Since Jan. 1: 11.4 mm. 21. Since Jan. 1: 11.4 mm. 22. Since Jan. 1: 11.4 mm. 23. Since Jan. 1: 11.4 mm. 24. Since Jan. 1: 11.4 mm. 25. Since Jan. 1: 11.4 mm. 26. Since Jan. 1: 11.4 mm. 27. Since Jan. 1: 11.4 mm. 28. Since Jan. 1: 11.4 mm. 29. Since Jan. 1: 11.4 mm. 30. Since Jan. 1: 11.4 mm. 31. Since Jan. 1: 11.4 mm. 32. Since Jan. 1: 11.4 mm. 33. Since Jan. 1: 11.4 mm. 34. Since Jan. 1: 11.4 mm. 35. Since Jan. 1: 11.4 mm. 36. Since Jan. 1: 11.4 mm. 37. 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It is particularly requested that the information be sent direct to Mr. Grimwood and not the Department of Commerce and Industry since time is short.

The phenomenal growth of the load on the island of Hong Kong can be more readily understood when I say that in pre-war days we had a peak load of 20,800 K.W. In 1945 the highest recorded load stood at 7,800 K.W. This load increased to 21,000 in 1948 and in 1949, the peak load was 25,000 K.W. The following table shows the load on the island of Hong Kong in 1953.

Month	Peak Load (K.W.)
January	25,000
February	24,000
March	23,000
April	22,000
May	21,000
June	20,000
July	19,000
August	18,000
September	17,000
October	16,000
November	15,000
December	14,000

The following table shows the load on the island of Hong Kong in 1954.

Month	Peak Load (K.W.)
January	24,000
February	23,000
March	22,000
April	21,000
May	20,000
June	19,000
July	18,000
August	17,000
September	16,000
October	15,000
November	14,000
December	13,000

The following table shows the load on the island of Hong Kong in 1955.

Month	Peak Load (K.W.)
January	23,000
February	22,000
March	21,000
April	20,000
May	19,000
June	18,000
July	17,000
August	16,000
September	15,000
October	14,000
November	13,000
December	12,000

The following table shows the load on the island of Hong Kong in 1956.

Month	Peak Load (K.W.)
January	22,000
February	21,000
March	20,000
April	19,000
May	18,000
June	17,000
July	16,000
August	15,000
September	14,000
October	13,000
November	12,000
December	11,000

The following table shows the load on the island of Hong Kong in 1957.

Month	Peak Load (K.W.)
January	21,000
February	20,000
March	19,000
April	18,000
May	17,000
June	16,000
July	15,000
August	14,000
September	13,000
October	12,000
November	11,000
December	10,000

The following table shows the load on the island of Hong Kong in 1958.

Month	Peak Load (K.W.)
January	20,000
February	19,000
March	18,000
April	17,000
May	16,000
June	15,000
July	14,000
August	13,000
September	12,000
October	11,000
November	10,000
December	9,000

The following table shows the load on the island of Hong Kong in 1959.

Month	Peak Load (K.W.)
January	19,000
February	18,000
March	17,000
April	16,000
May	15,000
June	14,000
July	13,000
August	12,000
September	11,000
October	10,000
November	9,000
December	8,000

The following table shows the load on the island of Hong Kong in 1960.

Month	Peak Load (K.W.)
January	18,000
February	17,000
March	16,000
April	15,000
May	14,000
June	13,000
July	12,000
August	11,000
September	10,000
October	9,000
November	8,000
December	7,000

The following table shows the load on the island of Hong Kong in 1961.

Month	Peak Load (K.W.)
January	17,000
February	16,000
March	15,000
April	14,000
May	13,000
June	12,000
July	11,000
August	10,000
September	9,000
October	8,000
November	7,000
December	6,000

The following table shows the load on the island of Hong Kong in 1962.

Month	Peak Load (K.W.)
January	16,000
February	15,000
March	14,000
April	13,000
May	12,000
June	11,000
July	10,000
August	9,000
September	8,000
October	7,000
November	6,000
December	5,000

The following table shows the load on the island of Hong Kong in 1963.

Month	Peak Load (K.W.)
January	15,000
February	14,000
March	13,000
April	12,000
May	11,000
June	10,000
July	9,000
August	8,000
September	7,000
October	6,000
November	5,000
December	4,000

The following table shows the load on the island of Hong Kong in 1964.

Month	Peak Load (K.W.)
January	14,000
February	13,000
March	12,000
April	11,000
May	10,000
June	9,000
July	8,000
August	7,000
September	6,000
October	5,000
November	4,000
December	3,000

The following table shows the load on the island of Hong Kong in 1965.

Month	Peak Load (K.W.)
January	13,000
February	12,000
March	11,000
April	10,000
May	9,000
June	8,000
July	7,000
August	6,000
September	5,000
October	4,000
November	3,000
December	2,000

married at the Registrar's office at the Supreme Court yesterday. Wilncason wore C.E. Smith and A.M. Gomez,

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ELLIS — Herbert Richmond, Obit., age 87 years, on 19th March 1950, at Queen Mary Hospital. Funeral arrangements will be announced.



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USIS to open library in HK

Mrs. Isabelle Maurer, Representative of the Office of International Information of the Department of State, the United States Government, arrived from Saigon by Cathay Pacific Airways yesterday.

Mrs. Maurer who is making an inspection tour of United States Information Service Offices in the Far East, was met at Kai Tak by Mr. H. S. Hudson; Director Hong Kong Branch, USIS.

She is expected to leave the Colony for Washington today.

The local USIS office is now planning to start a public library, according to Mr. Hudson.

A typical American free library, the USIS library will be located at Edinburgh Building. It will be open to the public somewhere around the middle or mid-late September.

There are only two libraries in China One is in Tientsin and another in Tsingtau.

Before the Chinese Communists gained the control of the entire Chinese mainland, USIS used to have libraries in most of the large cities throughout the country.

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and Young Lai-chiu, both of 43 Wing On Street, ground floor, called evidence to establish their agreement of purchase on the property concerned.

There was no legal argument, and the respondent elected not to call evidence. Judgment was then given for the respondent, Mrs. Ng Lai-king of 175 Portland Street, third floor.

The Hon. Leo d'Almeida, KC, instructed by Mr. F. H. Lossby, was for the respondents. The appellants were represented by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, KC, instructed by Mr. S. N. Quinn.

Sir Justice, Sir Leslie Gibson, and the Puisne Judge, Mr. Justice Gould, composed the Full Court yesterday.

BAND CONCERT

An open air concert will be given by the Band of the 1st Battalion Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders at the Botanical Gardens on Sunday from 8 to 5 p.m.

The concert will be conducted by Bulldozer J. M. Howe, LRAM, ARCM.

WEDDING

Ronald Gilbert Thomas, of HMS Alacrity, and Miss Felicia Maria Gomersley, of 29 Wigg Hill Street, Causeway Bay, were married at the Registrar's office at the Supreme Court Yesterday.

The wedding was officiated by

Defence argument

In their statement of defence, the landlords had denied that the plaintiff had sub-let the premises from the principal tenant of the house, who was incidentally evicted by an order of the Tenancy Tribunal on July 13.

They denied having broken into the house on that day, but asserted that possession was delivered to them by a Supreme Court bailiff who had acted in accordance with the Tribunal order.

Hearing of the action, which started on Wednesday, went on until yesterday morning. When it resumed in the afternoon, Mr. D'Alton announced that a settlement had been reached between the parties, which was accordingly recorded by the court.

The sum of \$400, which had originally been paid to defendants by order of the Tenancy Tribunal was yesterday ordered to be retained by them for two weeks pending further possible claims.

FRESH FISH PRICES

Fresh fish wholesale prices realized at the Hong-Kong Fish Wholesale Market, Kennedy Town, yesterday were:

First quality, Average

	per catty	per catty
Mud Grouper	\$2.40	\$2.55
Other Grouper	2.45	2.10
Orange Fish	2.55	1.95
Black Snappers	2.15	1.95
White Pomfret (large) ..	2.10	\$2.50
Macao Mole (large)	2.20	2.25
(small)	1.40	2.20
Golden Thread	2.15	2.25
Head-on Head (large) ..	1.45	2.17
(small)	1.45	1.71
Conger Pike	1.80	1.41
Sea Bream	1.75	2.10
Half Tail	1.75	1.80

DEATH

WILLIS—Herbert Richmond, 40, died of cancer of the stomach, on 10th March 1955 at Queen Mary Hospital. Funeral arrangements will be announced.

Australia's progress traced by Trade Commissioner

Reminders

Today

Organ Recital, St. John's Cathedral, 1.15 p.m.
Cerebral Parade by 40th Infantry Division, at Shek Kong, 11 a.m.
St. Patrick's Society Annual Ball, HK Hotel, 8.30 p.m.
European YMCA Services Dance, 8 p.m.
Nine Dragons Services Club, Tanhola, 8 p.m.
HK Stage Club, evening meeting for "Godlight" at PRO lecture room, 5.30 p.m.
European YMCA Women's Section, Beginner's Dressmaking, 10 a.m.
Cheero Services Club, Amateur Night, 7.30 p.m.
History of English Handwriting exhibition, Gloucester Bldg., 1st fl., 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Lecture on "Simplification of English" by Dr. I. A. Richards, British Council Library, 5.30 p.m.
Star Ferry Co., Ltd., annual general meeting, Jardines Board Room, 12 noon.

Coming Events

TOMORROW

Kowloon Gramophone Society classical concert at Diocesan Boys' School, 8.15 p.m.
Nine Dragons Services Club, Tennis Tournament, 4 p.m.
Tombola, 8 p.m.

SUNDAY

Toc H classical concert, 50, Macdonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.
HK Art Club, sketching party to Stanley, members to meet at Queen's Pier, 10.30 a.m.
Nine Dragons Services Club, Tombola, 8 p.m.
European YMCA Armchair group, talk on "Secret of Christianity", 8.30 p.m.

Coxswains cautioned

Mr. Neill Garland, Marine magistrate, cautioned two coxswains of the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club yesterday at the Marine Court when they were summoned before him to answer two harbour offences.

Defendants, who were represented by Mr. P. J. Griffiths of Wilkinson and Grist, changed their original plea of not guilty to one of guilty, yesterday.

Counsel for the defence admitted that it was a technical offence. Yip Yu and Fung Mui, both employees of the RHYC, were summoned by the Marine Police on divers dates for being in charge of a motor boat which was under way without a certificate master, a certified engineer and failing to obtain a certificate of survey for the launch.

The Police withdrew the last summons on insufficient evidence. The defendants were originally tried before Mr. D. G. Cairns, when they pleaded not guilty. Defence counsel requested a rehearing by another magistrate on the ground that certain expression had been made before the case closed to the effect that his client was guilty.

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An unknown wilderness 162 years ago, Australia today is a virile, independent nation with more than 8,000,000 people, said Mr. H. Wrigley, Australian Government Trade Commissioner, yesterday.

He added that Australia, one of the world's biggest wheat producers, is one of the self-governing dominions of the British Commonwealth of Nations.

Australians, he said, are proud of their present world status as a nation and of being an integral part of the British Commonwealth of Nations. Mr. Wrigley was speaking at the British Council's weekly film show at the Helena May Institute. His address preceded the screening of a film entitled "Australia Today".

He described Australia as the world's smallest continent and largest island, with an area of about 3,000,000 square miles. The settlement of Australia began in 1788 although the existence of the continent had been known to Portuguese, Spanish, Dutch, English and French sailors as far back as 1600.

Mr. Wrigley said: "Politically, Australia is a self-governing member of the British Commonwealth of Nations. Her Federal Parliament of two houses sits at the Federal Capital, Canberra, in the Australian Capital Territory. In addition, the six Australian States—Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia, Western Australia, and Tasmania—have their own parliaments in their respective capital cities. The Northern Territory is administered by the Federal Government with the assistance of an elected council.

"The full privileges of self-government were granted to New South Wales, Victoria, Tasmania and South Australia in 1855; to Queensland in 1859, and to Western Australia in 1900. Thus, these self-governing territories became Crown Colonies.

Co-operation begins
"Each Colony was reluctant to co-operate with its neighbours at first, and went its individual way. But experience gradually brought home the need for inter-colonial co-operation, particularly in relation to defence, immigration and tariff matters. From 1893 onwards, the conferences of Premiers of the Colonies were held at irregular intervals.

"These meetings helped to foster an urge to create a truly national Government. This urge eventually developed into a Federation movement, resulting in the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia established by an Act of the British Parliament, assented to by Queen Victoria in 1900 and including all six of the colonies, which became, in this way, States within the Commonwealth.

"Australia is a self-governing democracy in which every man and woman has a real share in the ultimate control of the country. By exercising their freely elected Parliaments, the people are widely responsible for their own political destiny.

"Australia is one of the self-governing dominions of the British Commonwealth of Nations. Australians are proud of their present world status as a nation and also proud of being an integral part of the British Commonwealth of Nations. This membership of the British Commonwealth of Nations is interesting to overseas people in its relation to the independence of Australia.

"Behind the democratic freedom of Australia there is a story of slow steady evolution to self-government. In the course of that development Australians have introduced political innovations which other free democracies have followed.

"They were among the first people in the world to pass laws designed to make a fuller life for every citizen. The vote for women, the secret ballot, and industrial arbitration courts to resolve disputes in industry were some of the reforms the young Australian democracy put into effect.

"Including Tasmania, Australia has some 12,000 miles of coast. **Unique animals**
"Geographically, Australia is one of the oldest of the continents. Millions of years ago much of the continent was beneath the sea, and the great Lake Eyre region in South Australia is still below sea level.

"The existence of unique animals and flowers, long extinct in other lands, indicates that the continent was isolated very early in the world's history. Australia alone, has egg-laying mammals, such as the platypus, the missing link between the birds and reptiles and the mammals.

"The natives living in Australia, too, had obviously lived in isolation for long ages. They had no cultivated plants and the bow and arrow were unknown to them. "Over the greater part of the continent the climate resembles that of California, Southern France or Italy. Cattle and sheep graze in the open all the year round; and it is only in the winter months in the mountain areas of the South-East that snow falls. Yet, here, there is a surprise—the snowfields of Australia are larger than those of Switzerland, and Australians have some of the best winter sports country in the world.

"Heavy rain falls in North Queensland—up to 100 inches a year, and in Western Tasmania, 140 inches. Falls of 50 to 60 inches occur on the Eastern seaboard around Darwin, on the West Kimberley coast and in the highlands of Tasmania.

"Altogether 57 per cent of Australia has a rainfall that does not exceed 15 inches a year—an effective answer to the accusation that 8,000,000 Australians have prevented other people from occupying areas they themselves are unwilling to develop. In point of fact, three-quarters of Australia is sparsely settled simply because the climate does not permit farming.

Industrial nation
"Australia was almost from the earliest days of settlement a great primary-producing country, exporting large surpluses overseas, and to-day the average person overseas (and to some extent in Australia) is inclined to think of the average Australian as a man on the land.

"But although Australia retains her great primary industries, she has become one of the world's most highly industrialised nations, and her value of production from industry has overtaken that from the land.

"During the year 1947-8 the net value of production from industries was £1,037,000,000. When one realises that 465,000 people are on the land and 970,000 in factories, the average, only typical Australian is more likely to be found behind a factory bench in a city than driving sheep or cattle. Or he might be found driving a tram or delivering mail or in another of the tertiary or service industries.

"The tertiary industries include people working in building and construction, transport and communication, property and finance, commerce, public administration, the professions, entertainment and so forth. Some 48 per cent of the population are employed in primary industries; 29.7 per cent in manufacturing and 52 per cent in tertiary industries.

"Wool is Australia's greatest primary industry. She had 108, thousand sheep in 1949. "Their wool sold for £185,800,000. With an annual clip of more than 1,000,000,000 pounds, Australia produces 27 per cent of all the world's wool and 57 per cent of its merino wool. It produces 40 per cent of all wool and 70 per cent of all merino wool entering into world trade. Lamb and mutton (310,000 tons in 1948-9) and sheepskins are important parts of the industry.

"Beef production in the same year was 672,000 tons, and the dairy industry produced 161,000 tons of butter and 43,000 tons of cheese. More than half the beef, mutton, lamb, butter and cheese production is exported—most of it to Britain.

"Australia is one of the world's biggest wheat producers. In 1948-9 the harvest from nearly 13,000,000 acres was 482,000,000 bushels. Nearly two-thirds of Australia's wheat is exported.

"Other important Australian primary industries are sugar, fruit, wine, vegetables, grains, mining (gold, coal, copper, pig-iron, silver, tin, zinc).

Rapid development
"Principal manufactures include iron and steel, textiles, electrical and radio equipment, drugs, chemicals, paints, machinery, metal work, clothing, motor engines, motor cars, aeroplanes, ships, locomotives. Secondary industries made rapid strides during the war and almost overnight Australia became an industrially mature nation.

"Australia's main exports are food and wool. Her main imports are from the United Kingdom, metals and textiles and some machinery, paper and drugs from Canada, metals and machinery, States of America, machinery, tobacco, oil and drugs, with some surgical and optical instruments and paper; and from Asia, including Hong Kong, oil, tea, rubber, silk, cotton, linen, sacks and hosiery.

"Australia has no native oil resources. "Australia's population is mainly centred in the capital cities and the towns. Some reasons for this are that settlement has been mainly on the fertile coastal strips; Australian agriculture is highly mechanized and the growth of big export trade has led to the development of the ports that, in most instances, are the State capitals.

"In New South Wales the railways radiate from the capital, Sydney, like the spokes of a giant wheel. The same is true of Victoria (Melbourne), South Australia (Adelaide), and to a lesser extent of Queensland (Brisbane) and Western Australia (Perth). In all there are 28,000 miles of railways which carry about 500,000,000 passengers yearly.

"Air transport is playing a big part in Australia's future and in the future of the world. From Sydney to Perth is 2,200 miles, equal to a trip from New York to San Francisco, and from London to Calcutta. Air routes total 52,716 miles in Australia; they carry 1,400,000 passengers a year—over 500,000,000 air miles yearly with an unsurpassed record for safety. "Australia has more than 500,000 miles of roads.

Wedding at Registry



Captain and Mrs. O. J. Apold, who were married at the Registry yesterday. Captain A. Apold is the captain of the mv. Hermod of Thorosen and Co.—("China Mail" Photo).

Half Century reviewed in speech to Rotarians

In a talk interspersed with humour and wisdom at the weekly luncheon of the Kowloon Rotary Club at the Peninsula Hotel yesterday, Major C. F. Miles, FCCS, FHA, called upon his audience to let "bygones be rissold" and to face the future with confidence.

Speaking on "The First Half Century", Major Miles, who came to Hong Kong soon after the re-occupation as Assistant Director of Medical Services, rebuked those who took a pessimistic view of the world today.

In spite of its chaos, atom bombs and talk of hydrogen bombs, the world today is not quite as bad as people imagined, he said. People, he added, remembered only the good things of the past but forgot the bad.

Reviewing the past half century, the speaker said that the world is an infinitely better place now than 50 years ago, and that the century could hardly have started in a worse state.

"We were in the midst of a small but disastrous war, and frankly, we were not doing very well. Ladysmith was besieged, also

Kimberley and Mafeking, the latter not being relieved until May. The Boer Uprising took place in China. The only bright spot of the year was the founding of the Australian Commonwealth," he said.

Recalling the chaotic events down the decades, Major Miles said that in 1910 when he saw the funeral of King Edward VII he also saw a symbol in the monarch's casket that most of the crowns of Europe were soon to be buried with it.

Worst era
The worst era, he said, was, of course, the rise of the Nazis that led to the last world war. The speaker closed his talk on a note of confidence, saying that the record of transition and of achievements in sciences was unparalleled and unequal in the world's history. He cited the development of the aeroplane, radio, radar and atomic research. The speaker was thanked by Mr. A. F. Petersen.

Visiting Rotarians at yesterday's luncheon were Mr. Paul Hove and Dr. Joseph Yu, of Hong Kong and Canton, respectively.

Guests included Messrs. W. P. Smith, H. Finney, Y. H. Oldham, Jr., A. H. Peacock, Ng Wing-hong, T. H. Edgar, A. A. Dean, F. S. Li, K. P. Chan, C. Chan and T. Tate. Sums of \$500 and \$50 were contributed to the Community Service Fund by Mr. Eugene Penn and Mr. Petersen, respectively, on the occasion of their birthday.

Mr. Elmer J. S. Tai, President, was in the chair.

Dangerous driver fined

H. G. Proudman was charged before Mr. Thomas Tam at Central yesterday with dangerous driving and failing to stop after an accident on March 12.

A further charge of driving while under the influence of liquor which was preferred against him was later withdrawn, after Dr. A. H. Coombs, medical officer of the Queen Mary Hospital said that he could not be positive that the driver which the defendant had would have affected his driving.

He was found guilty and fined a total of \$750 and ordered to pay \$230 compensation to Mr. Wickes, of the Kowloon Magistracy whose car had been damaged.

Sub-Inspector MacDonald said that following a telephone call from Mr. Wickes at about 6 p.m. on March 12, he had checked with the Traffic department and had managed to find the owner of Car No. 322. However he failed to find the owner at home and on going to the scene of the accident in Barker Road he found the defendant already there. He was later taken to the Queen Mary Hospital for a medical examination and later charged.

Didn't stop
Mr. J. Wickes said that he was driving along Barker Road near the Old Victoria Memorial Hospital when he saw another car approaching at a high speed. He had pulled to the side of the road but the other car crashed into his and then continued without stopping.

Defendant said that he was in a hurry to bring a companion who was in the car to keep an appointment and had later returned to the scene of the accident. At the time of the collision he did not think that any serious damage had been done.

Ballot for bathing huts

The public ballot for bathing huts and sites on Middle and South Bay beaches will be held 3 p.m. on Monday in the Urban Council Chamber, General Post Office Building, top floor.

Application forms not returned yet should be sent to the Secretary, Urban Council, immediately, otherwise it will not be possible to include the names in the ballot.

Successful applicants will be notified individually by the Secretary, Urban Council.

Obituary

Mr. H. G. Wallington

Mr. Harold George Wallington, MA (Cantab.), formerly Principal of King's College, Hong Kong, died at his home in Wellington, Northamptonshire, on March 12. He was 51 years old.

Mr. Wallington arrived in the Colony on February 8, 1924, to take up an appointment as Assistant Master at Queen's College where he taught Chemistry and Physics. He served in this appointment until 1930 when he became Headmaster of Yauwatt School and, on the retirement of Mr. W. Kay, was appointed principal of King's College. He held that post up to his internment in December, 1941.

In Stanley Camp Mr. Wallington became seriously ill. Although after treatment in hospital in New Zealand he became fit to travel, his health did not improve and he was invalided out of the service in 1946.

He was a keen sportsman and a very active playing member of the Hong Kong Football Club, the Civil Service Cricket Club and the Hong Kong Cricket Club. Almost from the day of his arrival he played regularly as left full-back for the HKFC and was selected several times for the interport team and on one occasion was chosen as Captain.

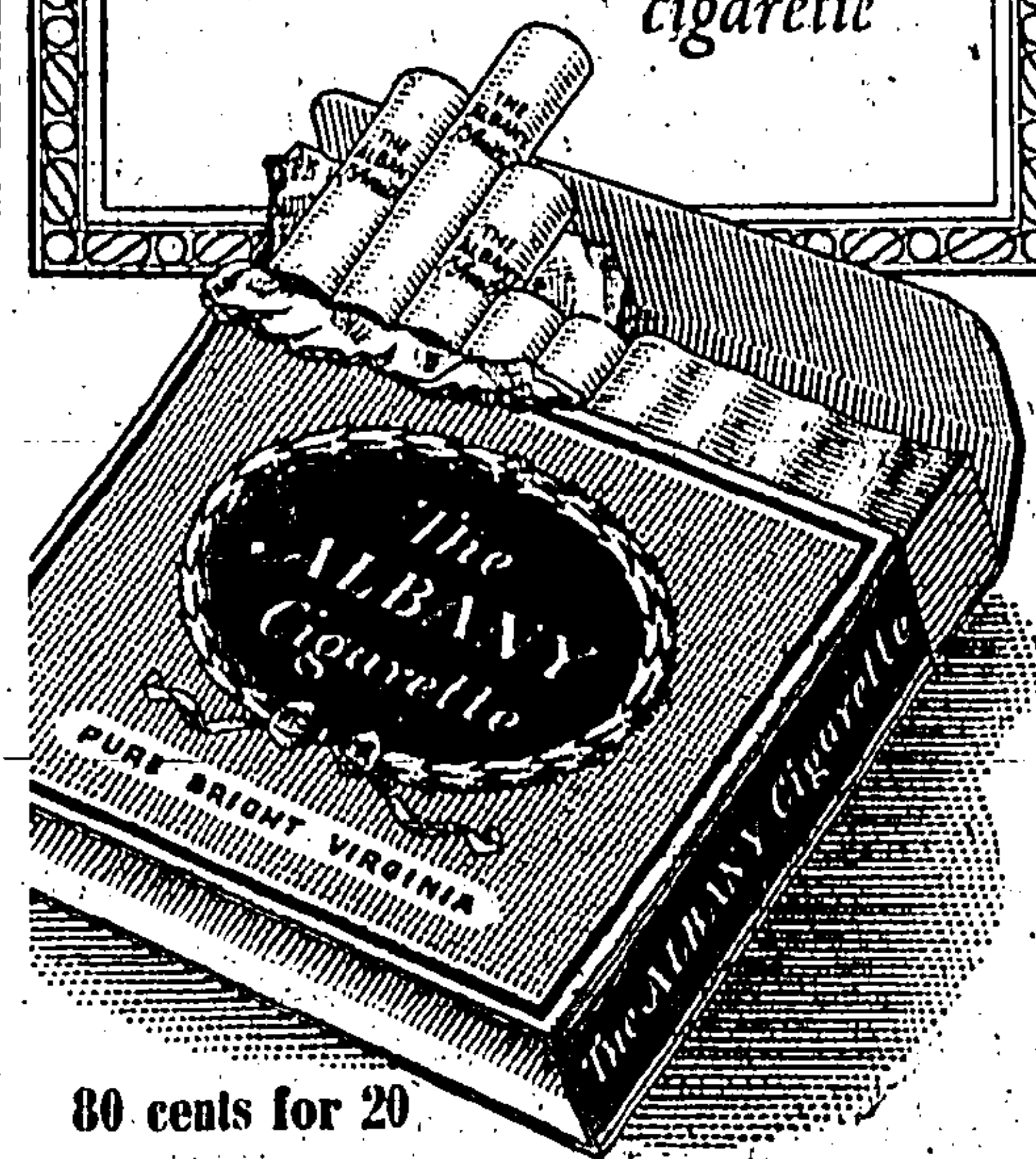
He played cricket regularly for the first eleven of the Civil Service Cricket Club until 1930, after which he was to be found as scorer for the Hong Kong Cricket Club whenever that club had a match. He also played in League games of Lawn Bowls for the Football Club and later for the Cricket Club.

Mr. Wallington was a Lieutenant in the Royal Flying Corps in the 1914-1918 war. He was shot down in Belgium the day before Armistice. On the outbreak of war in 1939 he became a Cable Censor and later Deputy Chief Transport Officer to the Medical Department. During hostilities in Hong Kong he carried out the important duty of Chief Medical Transport Officer.

He will be remembered by a large circle of friends in Hong Kong and by a large number of his pupils of Queen's, King's and Yauwatt. He was a very popular member of the Education Department, a teacher of high ideals and a true sportsman.

Mr. Wallington is survived by his widow and his only son Mr. Guy Wallington, who is in the Colonial Administrative Service as District Commissioner in the Solomon Islands.

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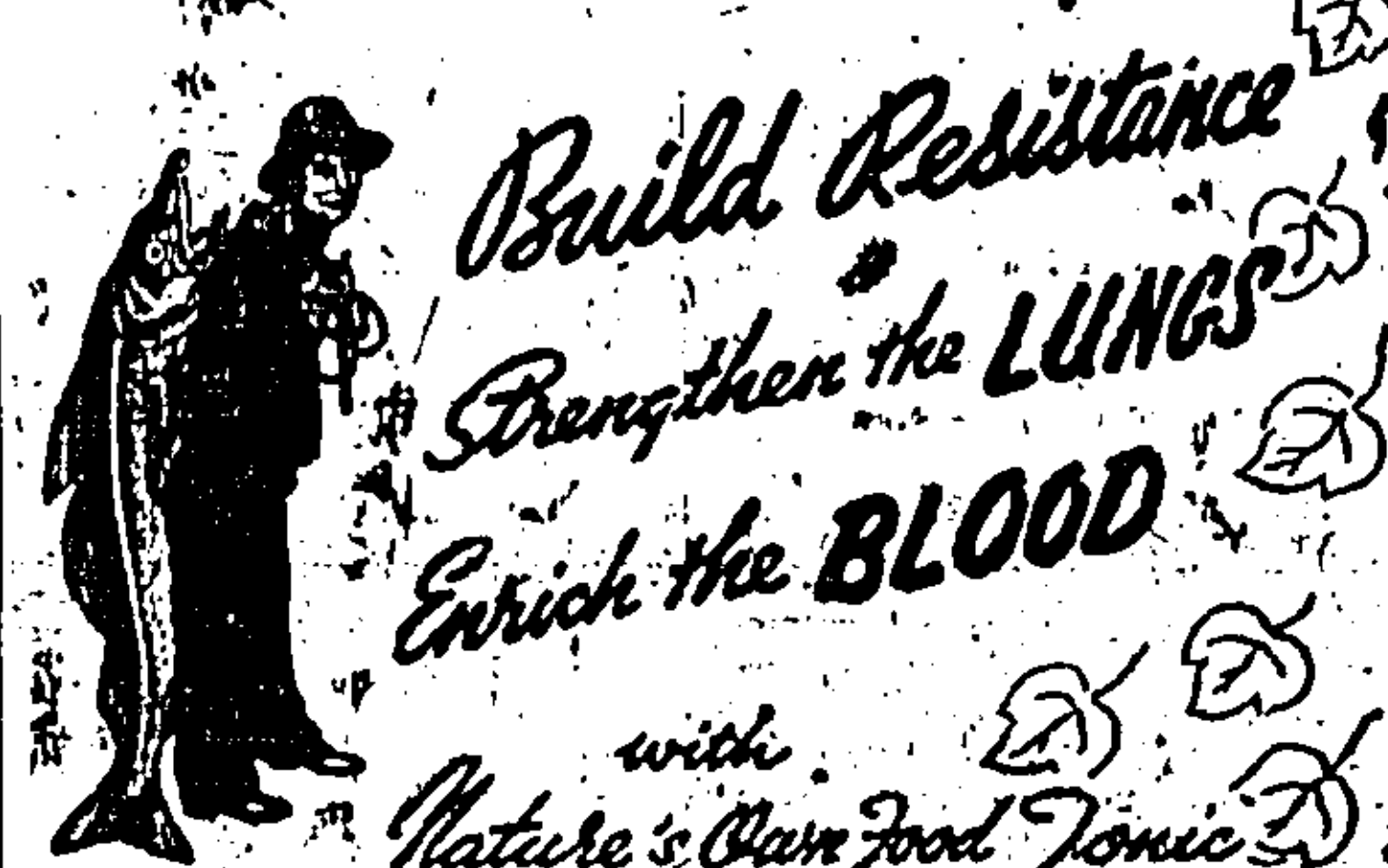


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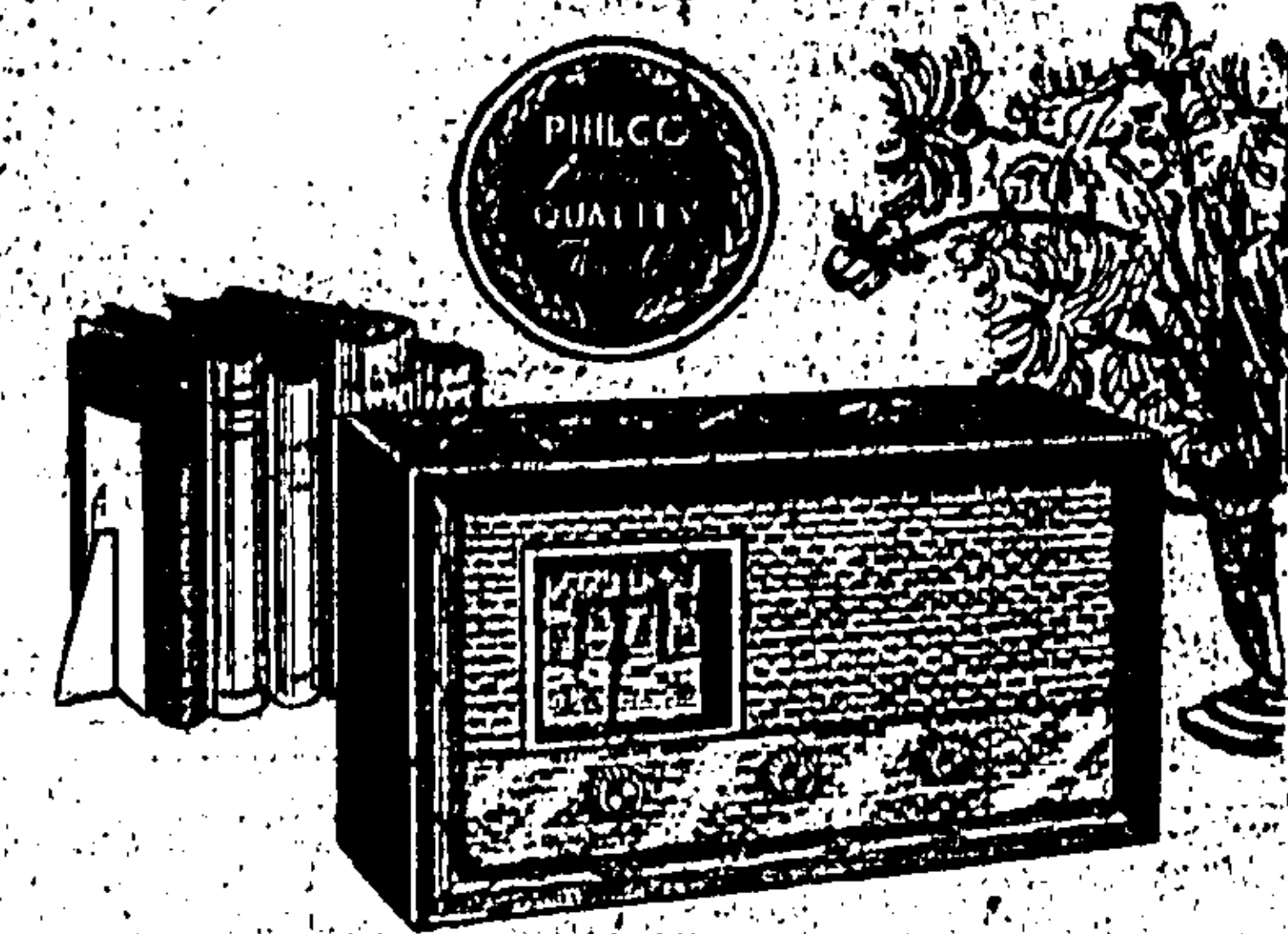


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1. Tenders are invited for
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2. Tender Forms may be
obtained from ST Directorate,
HQ Land Forces, 'C' Block
(2nd floor), Kennedy Road,
HONG KONG, between 9 a.m.
and 11 a.m. daily.

3. The goods will be open
to inspection between the
hours of 11 a.m. and 4 p.m.
daily on production of a tender
form.

4. Tenders will be received
for part or whole of the above
up to 11 a.m. on Monday, March
27, 1950, and must be deposited
at ST Directorate 'C' Block
(2nd floor), Kennedy Road,
HONG KONG, in sealed covers
marked "TENDER FOR PUR-
CHASE OF RASC SUPPLIES".

5. Earnest money amount-
ing to HK\$100 will be paid to
the Command Cashier, Victoria
Barracks, HONG KONG, and
his receipt will be attached to
the Tender. No tender will
be considered unless accom-
panied by this receipt. This
money will be refunded after the
successful tender has been
accepted.

6. The Secretary of State
for War does not bind himself
to accept the highest of any
tender.

(Sgd.) A. R. PURCHES,

Lieutenant-Colonel,
Assistant Director
of Supplies and Transport,
Hong Kong.

POLICE NOTICE

It is hereby notified for
general information that Ar-
buthnot Road between Holly-
wood Rd. and Caine Road will
be open to two ways vehicular
traffic on Friday March 17,
1950 at 8.00 hours.

2. Wyndham Street between
the junction of Hollywood
Road and Arbuthnot Road and
the junction of Lower Albert
Road and Ice House Street
will be open to one way
vehicular traffic east bound
only on Friday, March 17, 1950
at 8.00 hours.

COMMISSIONER OF
POLICE.

Hong Kong, March 15, 1950.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL

The Head Office
& Architectural Dept.
METROPOLITAN LAND
CO., LTD.
have been removed to:
ROOM 501
EDINBURGH HOUSE
Telephone: 32559, 32740.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL

MESSRS. LO AND LO,
Solicitors, etc.,
Have Removed Their Office to
QUEEN'S BUILDING,
2ND FLOOR,
ICE HOUSE STREET

THE REFORM CLUB OF HONGKONG

PUBLIC MEETING
on
Tuesday, March 21st
at 5.30 p.m.
at
The Roof Garden,
Hong Kong Hotel,
THE BUDGET.



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Dr. F. I. Tsung
Chairman
China Building
THE HONGKONG SOCIETY
Mr. Li Fook Wo
Hon. Treasurer
The Bank of East Asia, Ltd., H.K.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL

The Dental Practice now carried on by the
undersigned at 297 Prince Edward Road will as
from March 15, 1950 be carried on at the Hong-
kong & Shanghai Bank Bldg.

Consulting Hours 9:00 to 1:00 & 2:00 to 6:00
Telephone No. 20126

DR. VERNON S. MOUNTAIN

Dental Surgeon

Dated March 15, 1950

THE HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE, LIMITED

NOTICE OF REMOVAL

As from Monday, 20th. March, 1950, the Hong Kong
Stock Exchange, Limited, will be situated at Edinburgh House,
8th. floor, Ice House Street entrance.

All Telephone Numbers remain unaltered.

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THE "STAR" FERRY COMPANY, LIMITED.
NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING.

Notice is hereby given that
the Forty-eighth Ordinary
Yearly Meeting of the Mem-
bers of the Company will be
held at the Office of Messrs
Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.,
Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on
Friday, the 17th day of
March, 1950, at Noon, to
transact the following busi-
ness:—

1. To receive and consider the
Report of the Directors and
the Statement of Accounts
for the year ended 31st
December, 1949.
2. To sanction a dividend in
respect of the year 1949.
3. To elect two Directors.
4. To appoint Auditors.

CLOSING OF TRANSFER BOOKS.

Notice is also given that the
Transfer Books and Register
of Members will be closed from
the 4th March, 1950 to the 17th
March, 1950, both days in-
clusive.

By Order of the
Board of Directors,

G.B.S. THOMSON,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, February 23, 1950.

THE "STAR" FERRY COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

Notice is hereby given that
an Extraordinary General
Meeting of the Members of the
Company will be held at the
Office of Messrs Jardine,
Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder
Street, Hong Kong, on Friday,
17th March, 1950, at 12.20
p.m., or at such time as the
Ordinary Yearly Meeting to be
held at the same place at Noon
shall terminate, for the pur-
pose of considering and, if
thought fit, passing the follow-
ing as a Special Resolution, viz:—

"That the Authorised Cap-
ital of the Company (which
is now \$1,000,000.00 con-
sisting of 100,000 Shares of
the nominal value of \$10.00
each, of which 80,000
Shares have been issued)
be increased to \$2,000,000.00
by the creation of
1,000,000 additional Shares
of the nominal value of
\$10.00 each, and that such
Shares be issued at such
time or times and upon
such terms as the Com-
pany's Board of Directors in
their absolute discretion
shall think fit."

By Order of the Board of
Directors,

G.B.S. THOMSON,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, February 21, 1950.

THE HONG KONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED

(Incorporated in Hong Kong)

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

Ordinary Yearly Meeting

Notice is hereby given that
the Fifty-ninth Ordinary Year-
ly Meeting of the Members of
the Company will be held at
the office of Messrs Jardine,
Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder
Street, Hong Kong, on Friday,
the 31st day of March, 1950,
at Noon, to transact the follow-
ing business:—

1. To receive and consider the
Report of the Directors and
the Statement of Accounts
for the year ended 31st De-
cember, 1949.
2. To sanction a dividend in
respect of the year 1949.
3. To elect two Directors.
4. To appoint Auditors.

CLOSING OF TRANSFER BOOKS.

Notice is also given that the
Transfer Books and Register of
Members will be closed from
the 16th March, 1950 to the
31st March, 1950, both days
inclusive.

By Order of the Board of
Directors,

G. B. S. THOMSON,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, March 13, 1950.

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the FIFTY-EIGHTH OR-
DINARY YEARLY MEETING
of SHAREHOLDERS in this
Company will be held at the
Office of Messrs. Jardine,
Matheson & Co., Ltd., on
MONDAY, 20th March, 1950,
at NOON to receive the Report
of the Directors together with
the Statement of Accounts for
the year ended 31st December,
1949, to confirm the appoint-
ment of two Directors, to elect
Directors, and to appoint Au-
ditors.

The REGISTER OF SHARES
of the Company will be closed
from MONDAY, 6th March,
1950, to MONDAY, 20th March,
1950, both days inclusive
during which period no trans-
fer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board
of Directors,

B. C. FIELD,
Secretary.

Hong Kong February 24, 1950.

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING COMPANY, LIMITED

NOTICE is hereby given that
the Sixty-First Ordinary Yearly
Meeting of Shareholders will
be held at the Office of the
Company, Chung Tin Building,
First Floor, 5, Des Voeux Road
Central, Victoria, Hong Kong,
on Tuesday, 28th March, 1950,
at Noon, for the purpose of re-
ceiving the Statement of Ac-
counts and the Report of the
Directors for the year ended
31st December, 1949, and to
transact the ordinary business
of the Company.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of
the Company will be closed
from Tuesday, 14th March,
1950, until Tuesday, 28th
March, 1950, both days in-
clusive.

By Order of the Board
of Directors,

SHEWAN TOMES &
CO., LTD.

I. W. Shewan,
Director

General Managers
Hong Kong/ March 2, 1950.

HONGKONG TRAMWAYS LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the Ordinary Yearly Gen-
eral Meeting of the Company
will be held at the Office of
Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and
Company, Limited, Hongkong,
on Friday, 31st day of March,
1950, at 11.00 o'clock in the
forenoon, to transact the or-
dinary business of the Com-
pany.

The Register of Members and
Transfer Books of the Com-
pany will be closed from the
18th day of March to the 31st
day of March, 1950, both days
inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

W. H. PATERSON
Secretary

Hong Kong, March 10, 1950.

NOTICE

HUMPHREYS ESTATE & FINANCE CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting
of Shareholders will be held at
the Hongkong Hotel, Hongkong,
on Saturday 18th March, 1950
at 12 Noon for the purpose of
receiving the Report of the
Directors with a Statement of
Accounts for the year ended
31st December 1949 and for
the election of Directors and
the appointment of Auditors.

NOTICE is further hereby
given that the Register and
Transfer Books of the Com-
pany will be CLOSED from the
4th March 1950 to the 18th
March 1950 both days inclusive
during which period no Trans-
fer of Shares can be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS
& SON LTD.
General Managers

Hongkong, February 14, 1950.

HONG KONG STAGE CLUB

There will be a casting
meeting for the thriller "Gas-
light" in the P.R.O. Theatre,
Statue Square on Friday,
March 17th, beginning at
5.30 p.m. Members and all
interested are invited to at-
tend.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG

PROBATE JURISDICTION

IN THE GOODS of FELIX
MAURICE ELLIS otherwise
known as FELIX ELLIS late of
Stock Exchange Building,
and the Hong Kong Club,
Victoria in the Colony of
Hong Kong, Broker, De-
ceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that The Court has by virtue
of Section 39 of the Probates
Ordinance 1897 made an Order
limiting the time for creditors
and others to send in their
claims against the above estate
to the 16th day of April, 1950.

All creditors and others are
accordingly hereby required to
send in their claims on or be-
fore that date to the Hongkong
and Shanghai Bank Hongkong,
(Trustee) Limited, Hongkong,
and Shanghai Bank Building,
Hongkong, the duly appointed
Administrator of the Estate
of the above named deceased.

Dated 16th day of March,
1950.

DEACONS,

Solicitors,
Princoe's Building,
Hong Kong.

THE EASTERN MERCANTILE & CONSTRUCTION CO., LTD.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Notice is hereby given that,
pursuant to Section 233 of the
Companies Ordinance 1932, a
Meeting of Creditors of the
above named company will
be held in the Offices of Messrs
Lowe, Bingham & Matthews,
7, Queen's Road Central, Hong
Kong, on Tuesday, 28th March,
1950, at 12 o'clock noon for the
purposes laid down in the
said Section.

Notice is hereby given that,
pursuant to Section 233 of the
Companies Ordinance 1932, a
Meeting of Members of the
above named company will be
held in the Offices of Messrs.
Lowe, Bingham & Matthews,
7, Queen's Road Central, Hong
Kong, on Tuesday, 28th March,
1950, at 12.30 p.m. for the pur-
poses laid down in the said
Section.

A. RITCHIE,
Liquidator

Hong Kong, March 17, 1950.



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and
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CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"Sold his soul to the devil, eh? I wonder if that comes
under 'income' or 'capital gains'?"

BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By Shepard Barclay

"The Authority on Authorities"

DEFENCE CAN ADD TOO

MOST players know enough to
add up the tricks available in
the several suits when planning play
of their own. No Trump contracts.
But many of these do not apply
the same principle to their work
on the defence. Figuring out
just what tricks may be available
here and there can be the key to
their problem.

S J 10 4
H 10 8 5 4
D 7 4 3 2
C 9 3
S A 9 8 7
H 6 2
D 4 6
C Q J 10 8
S K 5 3
H Q J 9
D K Q 8
C A 7 4

(Dealer: South. North-South
vulnerable.)
South: West North East
1 NT Dbl

East made a business pass of
that double to the hope of slough-
ing his vulnerable opponent.
West made his natural lead,
the heart 6, which the Q won.
South put top of the diamond K
to the A and the spade 7 was
returned. South played low and
the Q won. West scored the heart

K and A, then led the 3 to the 10.
Three diamond tricks were fol-
lowed by the spade K to the A.
Declarer now had five tricks and
his other needed two were sure
with the spade J and club A, no
matter what East did.

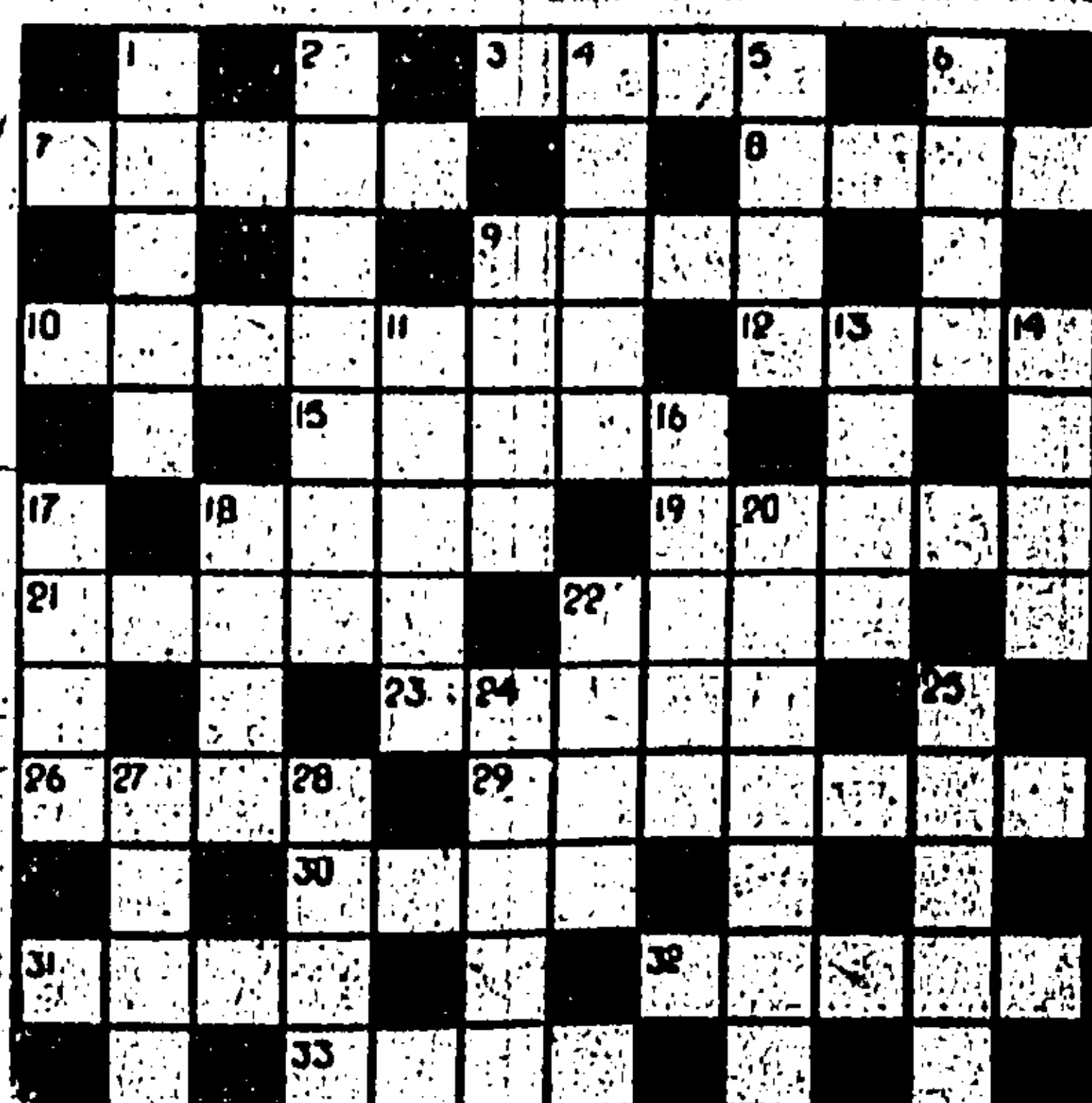
The chief culprit here was
West, who was too lazy to count
and add. When his spade Q won,
he should have reckoned that
South already had one heart
trick, was sure to get three in
diamonds, certainly could take
one in spades and was bound to
have the club A. Totalling these
would make six, and if West
played so as to build another
heart trick the declarer would
have seven for his contract.

Reckoning that way would have
shown West that the only hope
lay in the club suit. If he had
returned a club then, the contract
would have been set two, with
two in spades, three in clubs, two
in hearts and one in diamonds
for a better score than the not-
vulnerable 4-Spades which one
pair made.

Your Week-End Question

If you have the 10-6-3 of a
suit in dummy, opposite the
K-Q-2, and enough dummy en-
tries to lead it twice, what card
should be led first in an effort
to get two tricks? Why?

A BRITISH CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across

3 Verge. 21 Slightest.
7 Feather. 22 Dwell.
8 Lode. 23 Shirk.
9 Cupola. 24 Aggregation.
10 Burden. 25 Corrected.
11 Time. 26 Exemplar.
12 Cylinder. 31 Attitude.
13 Clutch. 32 Entice.
14 Transaction. 33 Style.
15 Recover.

Down

1 Empty. 16 Arrogance.
2 Come out. 17 Prize.
4 Refuse. 18 Taps.
5 Inconsistently. 29 Inflicted.
6 Account. 30 Distribution.
9 Twofold. 22 Unconvin-
cing.
11 Make a. 24 Insipid.
12 speech. 25 Criminal.
13 Look. 27 Expensive.
14 Song. 28 Stop.

Yesterday's Crossword

Across: 1 Fanned. 7 Alum.
9 Falsely. 10

SHOWING TODAY **MAJESTIC** SPECIAL TIMES:

AT 2.00, 4.45, 7.15 & 9.45 P.M.



"Joan of Arc" held me spellbound... It is in a class by itself... You've got to see this magnificent film! —KATE SMITH on Mutual Network Broadcast.

JOAN OF ARC

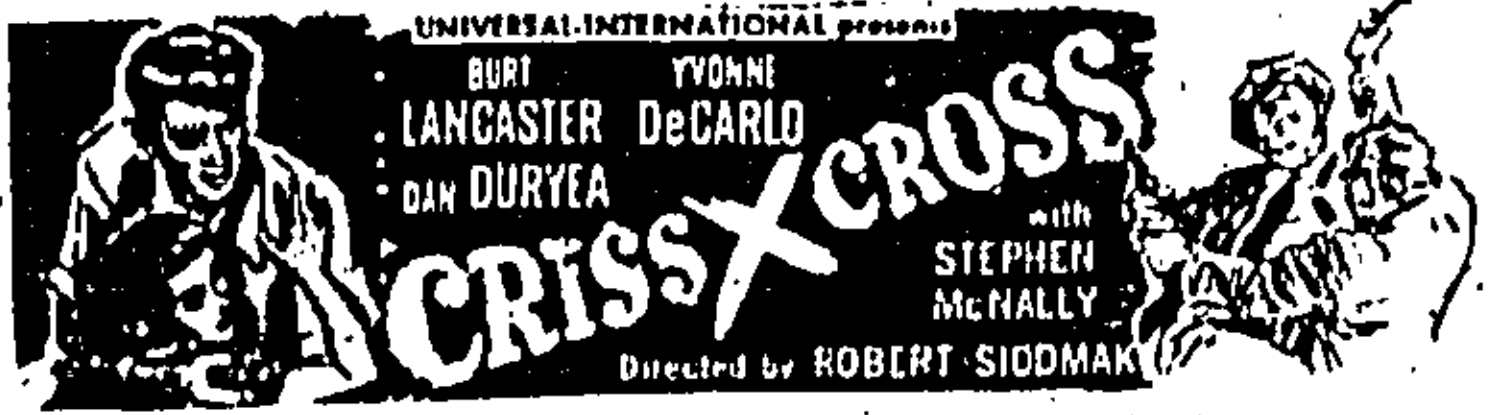
starring **INGRID BERGMAN**

A VICTOR FLEMING PRODUCTION
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ORIENTAL

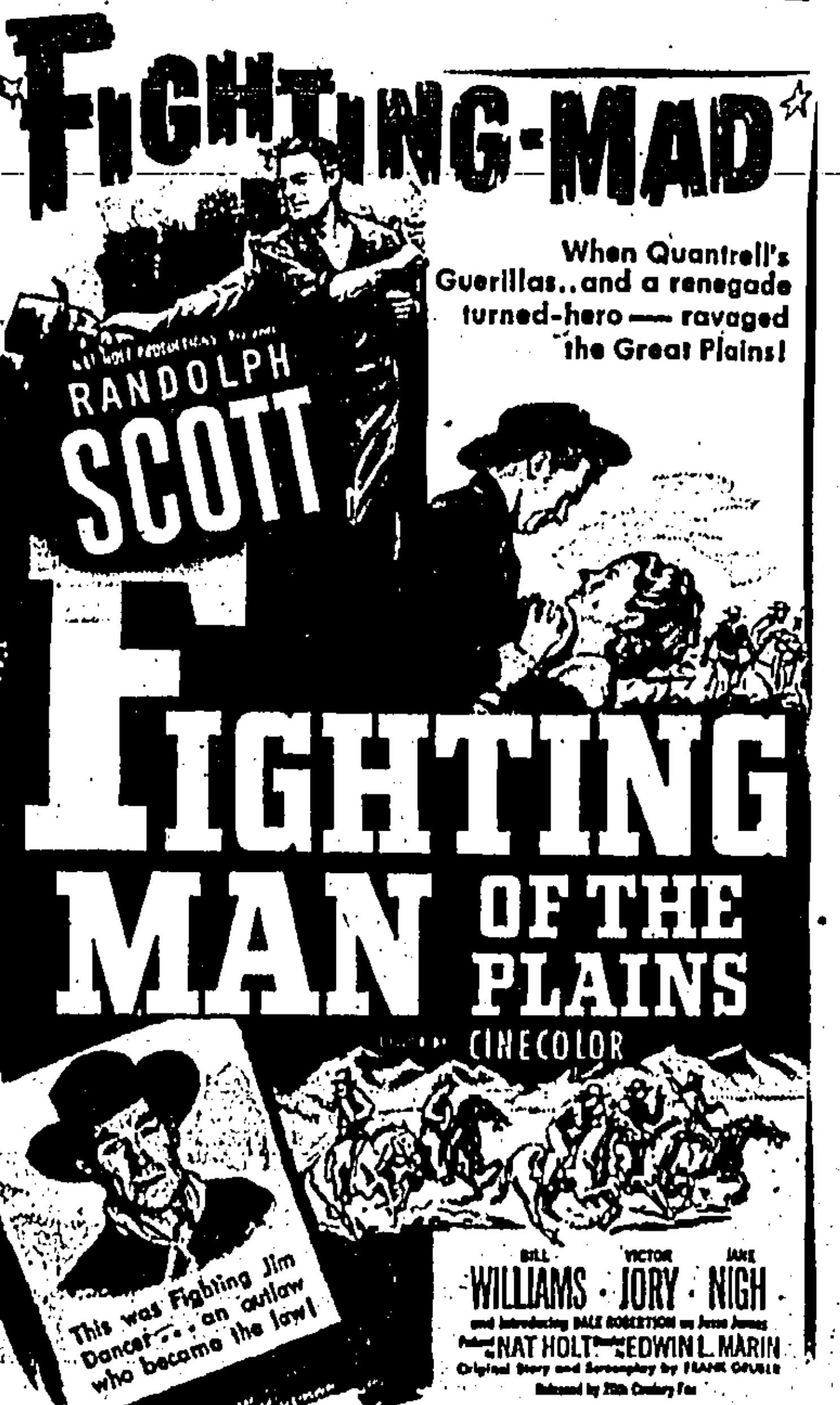
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Edgar Rice Burroughs'

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AT REDUCED PRICES

BROADWAY At 12 noon

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CINEMA WORLD



ALAN LADD and DONNA REED
An Eye for Figures.

Alan Ladd stars in mystery-romance

Rating: • •

Paramount's "Chicago Deadline," starring Alan Ladd and Donna Reed, which is now at the Lee and Liberty Theatres, is a fairly exciting blend of mystery and romance with a generous quota of thrill-packed action.

A staccato-paced story of a racket-busting newspaper reporter who has fighting blood as well as printer's ink in his veins, the film moves fast to a suspenseful climax.

Ladd, as the reporter, Ed Adams, who has the proverbial nose for news, an eye for pretty girls and a talent for trouble, gives a pleasing performance.

As the glamorous enigmatic Rosita Jean D'ur, Donna Reed keeps pace with Ladd. Her portrayal of a woman who is loved and hated does much to sustain the dramatic intensity of "Chicago Deadline."

The story, told through eleven flashbacks, deals with the efforts of Adams to unravel the mystery shrouding the events leading up to the death of a beautiful young woman.

Pressure of all sorts, from oral persuasion to bullets, is exerted to make him drop the investigation, but in the best newspaperman's tradition he refuses to be intimidated. Heart heart! The result is a rousing climax that features an exciting gun battle.

The supporting performances by June Havoc, Irene Hervey and Arthur Kennedy are uniformly

gave under Lewis Allen's direction.

RATINGS

The "China Mail" is using the following classifications to indicate to readers the quality of films reviewed:

- Excellent
- Above average
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A Western movie that's different from the hundreds turned out by Hollywood over the years is "Fighting Man of the Plains," now showing at the Roxy and Broadway Theatres.

Galaxy of stars in new King's film

Rating: • •

Headed by a cast including Paulette Goddard, Henry Fonda, Jimmy Stewart, Fred MacMurray, Dorothy Lamour and Burgess Meredith, the comedy, "On Our Merry Way," is coming to the King's Theatre.

Benedict Bogeaus produced the film in collaboration with Mr. Meredith from an original story by Arch Oboler, of U.S. radio fame.

Due to the fact that "On Our Merry Way" is told in episode fashion, somewhat after the style of these past two successes, "Tales of Manhattan" and "If I Had a Million," most of the stars do not appear together except through an unusual tie-in angle brought about by Burgess Meredith, who plays the role of a roving reporter on a leading newspaper.

Meredith's ingenious question for the day on which the comedy unfolds is: "What great influence has a little child had upon your life?" The answers to this question are amazing, different and highly hilarious and, during the progress of getting them, Meredith meets a lot of entertaining people and covers quite a variety of territory.

In this fascinating potpourri of stories and players, Meredith is cast alongside Paulette Goddard, and ingenious Jimmy Stewart is linked with Henry Fonda. Fred MacMurray and William Dozier make a hilarious team with the addition of featured players Hugh Herbert, Betty Caldwell and young Richard Whorf, Jr. Dorothy Lamour and Victor Moore are seen in an enjoyable, Hollywood sequence in which Dorothy does an excellent take-off on the strong which has made her name famous all over the world.

Starring the old reliable Randolph Scott—who looks a "natural" in a Western outfit—the film attempts to show that gunmen aren't always bad, and that the hero can still be romantic without kissing a gal 10 times in every reel.

It succeeds extremely well. After a shaky start, "Fighting Man of the Plains" gets into its stride and surprises with an exceedingly interesting plot. Randolph Scott and a good supporting cast, which includes Victor Jory and Bill Williams, do the rest.

Mr. Scott takes the part of Jim Dancer, gunman and outlaw, who rode with Quantrell's gang at the end of the American civil war. He is captured by a private detective after the war for murder. However, in the days of Jim Dancer, murder could be easily explained, and Mr. Scott manages to elude the law long enough to set himself up as Marshall of a growing town.

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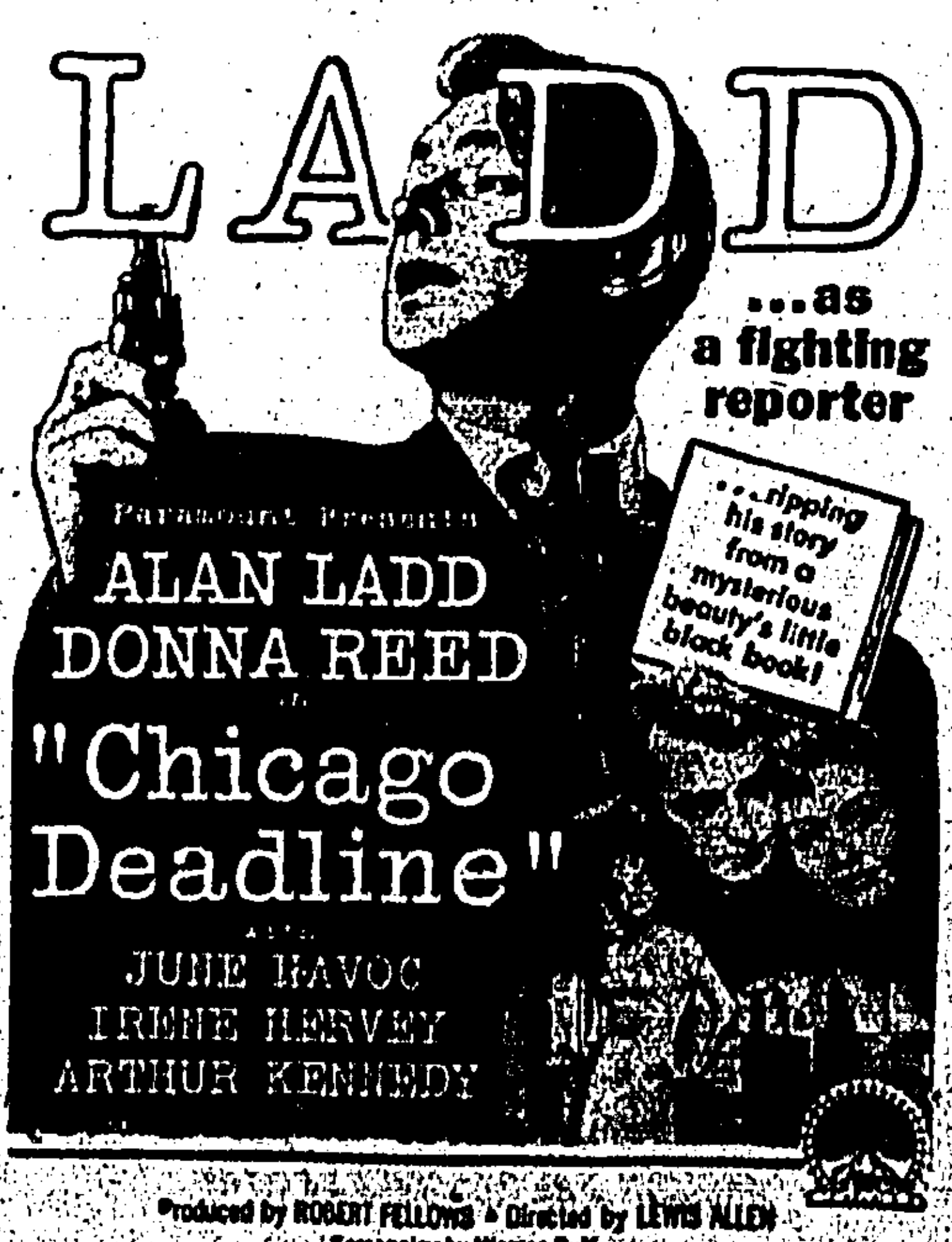


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THE GRAND ALLIANCE

Chasing the Bismarck

By Winston Churchill

The quarry was in view, and all our forces moved accordingly.

The Commander-in-Chief turned to the Westward and increased his speed. The Hood and the Prince of Wales shaped their course to intercept the enemy at daylight the next morning west of Iceland. The Admiralty called Admiral Somerville, with Force H. (Renown, Ark Royal and the cruiser Sheffield), Northward at high speed to protect the troop convoy, now more than half-way down the Irish coast, or join in the battle. Admiral Somerville's ships, already under steam, left Gibraltar at 2 a.m. on the 24th. They carried with them, as it turned out, the Bismarck's fate.

Anxious week-end

I went to Chequers on Friday afternoon (23rd). Averell Harriman and General Ismay and Pownall were to be with me till Monday. With the battle of Crete at its height it was likely

Norfolk and Suffolk, with great skill, shadowed the enemy, despite the weather and his efforts to shake them off, and all through the night their signals showed the exact positions of friend and foe. As the Arctic twilight grew into day the Bismarck could be seen 12 miles to the South on a Southernly course. Soon there was smoke on the Norfolk's port bow. The Hood and Prince of Wales were in sight, and mortal conflict was at hand. In the Hood as day was dawning the enemy was discerned 17 miles to the North West.

The British ships turned to engage, and the Hood opened fire at 5.52 a.m. at a range of about 25,000 yards. The Bismarck replied, and almost at once the Hood suffered a hit which started a fire in the four-inch battery. The fire spread with

her 10 14-inch guns were unserviceable. It was highly doubtful whether in this condition she was a match for the Bismarck. Admiral Walker therefore decided not to renew the action, but to hold the enemy under observation. In this he was indisputably right.

The Bismarck would indeed have been wise to rest content with what amounted by itself to a resounding triumph. She had destroyed in a few minutes one of the finest ships in the Royal Navy, and could go home to Germany with a major success. Her prestige and potential striking power would rise immensely, in circumstances difficult for us to measure or explain.

Moreover, as we now know, she had been seriously injured by the Prince of Wales, and oil was leaking from her heavily. How then could she hope to discharge her mission of commerce destruction in the Atlantic? She had the choice of returning home victorious, with all the options of further enterprises open, or of going on to almost certain destruction. Only the extreme exaltation of her Admiral or the imperious orders by which he was bound can explain the desperate decision which he took.

Great comfort

I had to read for very long hours each day to keep abreast of the ceaseless flow of military, Foreign Office and Secret Service telegrams, which streamed in by private telephone and despatch-riders. This was a great comfort, because as long as one is doing something the mind is saturated and cannot worry. Nevertheless, only one scene riveted my back-groin: thoughts of this tremendous Bismarck, 45,000 tons, perhaps almost invulnerable to gun-fire, rushing Southwards towards our convoys, with the Eugen as her scout.

Then I thought of these convoys. Their battleships had left them during the hunt. There was the troop convoy, with all its precious men on board, now well to the South of Ireland, with Admiral Somerville closing it at full speed, and presently to be between it and peril. I questioned the Duty Captain about times and distances. His reports



Let us now pray for our hard-hit capitalists, especially those forced to charge the lowest rates in the world for hotel rooms. It was indeed tear-jerking to see by yesterday's report that operating hotels in the Colony is now almost a dead loss. Smuggling sails had to be administered to shareholders of our biggest company when it was announced they would have to get by with a net profit of less than two and a quarter million.

Nobles oblige? Describing the Filipino priest's application to have his shotgun wedding annulled, one report said the question was "whether Philippines counts recognise Church courts."

"The Waterworks Office," says a local writer, "does not have enough staff to go around to every home and look all the time under doors for miscreants."

Whether or not we get captured ships back depends on whether the Nationalists can be mollified.

Attending that new Technicolor musical other night, I found very little material for criticism in the chorus girls' costumes.

Incidentally, although the atomic scientist thinks he's so ruddy wonderful, it takes a ballerina to do the splits properly.

"As a host," said a bloke to me the other night, "Smith tries to make you feel at home—and wishes you were."

"British government refuses to send probing commission to Hong Kong."

Leading citizens may now breathe freely again.

Myrtle's grandfather says the only ones who collect wages of sin are the divorce lawyers.

"I hate the country."

"But you've never been in the country, so how do you know?"

"I've never been in the government, but I know I don't like it."

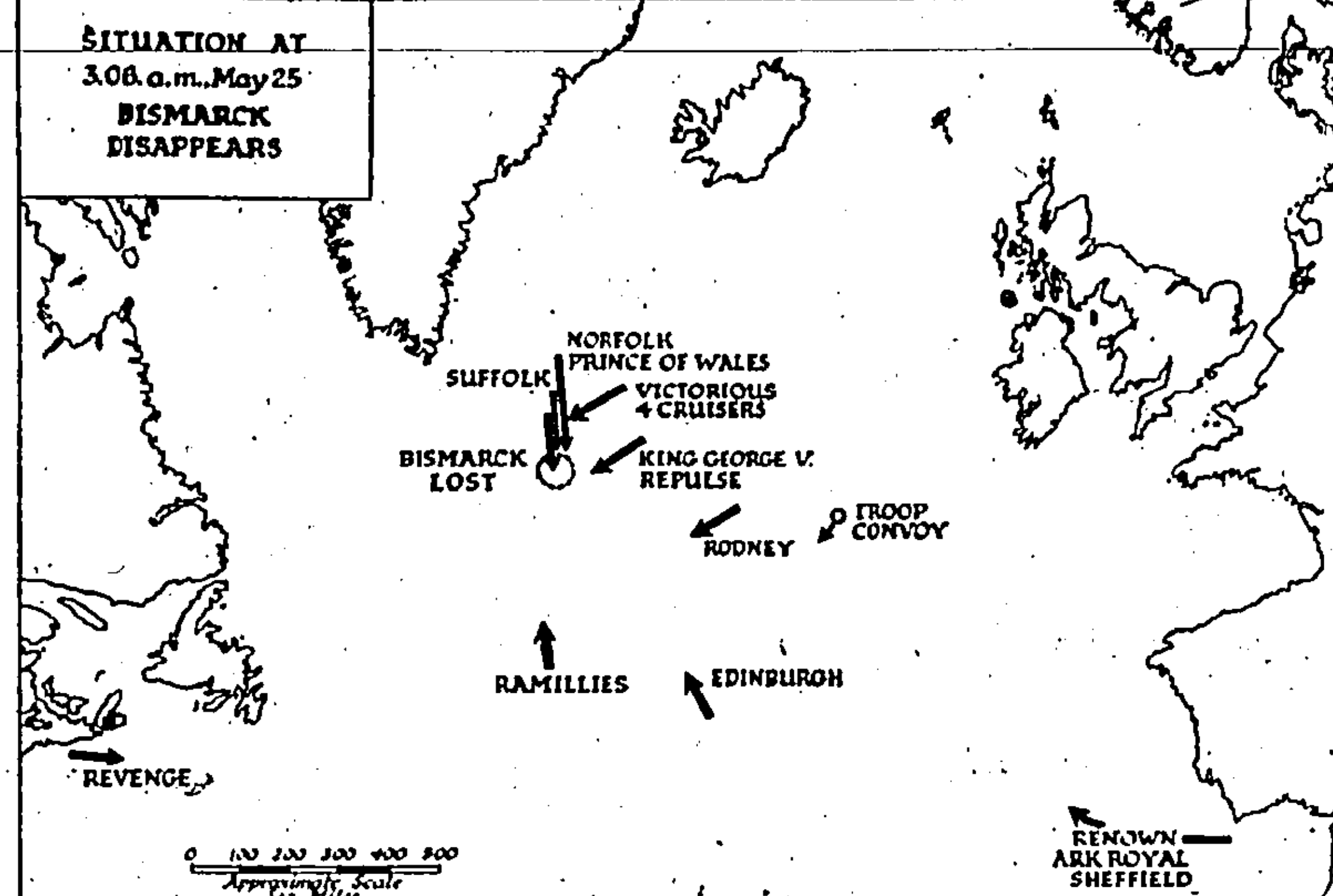
"So far as the wife is concerned, this is a case of mind over matter. She doesn't mind and I don't matter."

were reassuring. Although the convoy only made about 12 knots and the Bismarck could, so far as we know, do 25, there was a lot of salt water between them. Besides, as long as we could hold fast to the Bismarck we could hold her to her doom. But what if we lost touch in the night? She had a wide choice, and we were vulnerable almost everywhere.

The House of Commons, too, might be in no good temper when we met on Tuesday. They had been blown out of their chamber on May 10 and were now crammed into the Church House, not far away. This was indeed no convenient place. Writing-rooms, smoking-rooms, dining-rooms, all the customary facilities, were improvised and primitive. The air-raid alarms were frequent and means for members getting about scarce.

(To be continued)

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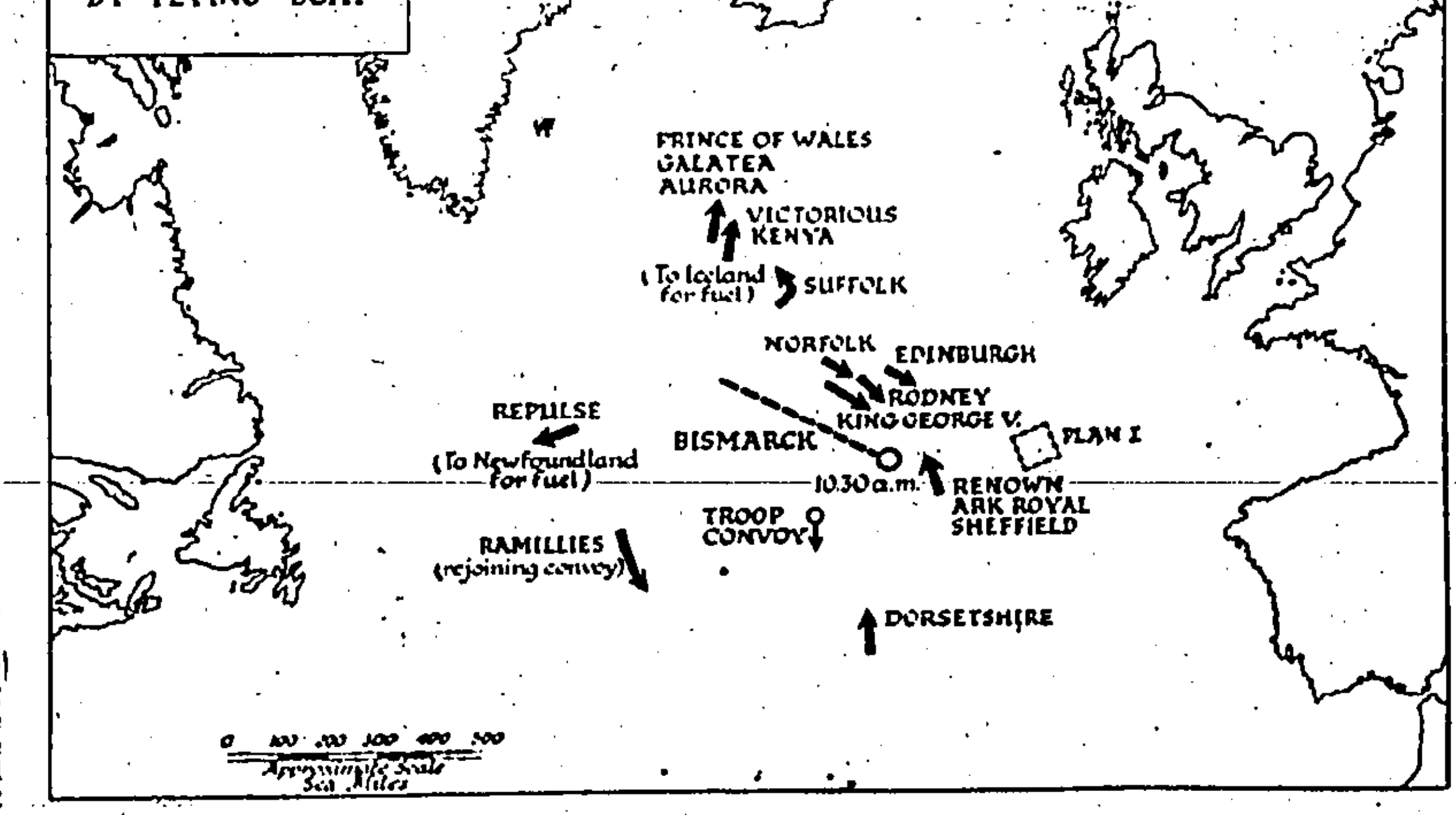
minutes of receiving the report, I telegraphed to the President: "Yesterday, 21st, Bismarck, Prinz Eugen, and eight merchant ships located in Bergen. Low clouds prevented air attack. Tonight (we find) they have sailed. We have reason to believe that a formidable Atlantic raid is intended. Should we fail to catch them going out, your Navy should surely be able to mark them down for us. King George V, Prince of Wales, Hood, Repulse, and aircraft-carrier Victorious, with ancillary vessels, will be on their track. Give us the news and we will finish the job. The Bismarck and the Prinz Eugen had in fact left Bergen nearly 24 hours before, and were now to the North East of Iceland, heading for the Denmark Strait. Here the pack-ice had narrowed the strait to only 80 miles, mostly shrouded in dense mist. Towards evening on the 23rd, first the Suffolk and then the Norfolk sighted two ships approaching from the North, skirting the edge of the ice in a patch of clear weather. The Norfolk's sighting report was received first in the Admiralty, and was at once broadcast in secret code to all concerned. The hunt was on."

perverted the real democratic revolution that has been going on all over the world—long before Communism as a world conspiracy had been thought of. The old, fumbling Imperialisms are child's play compared with the peril that has to be resisted.

Unlike the Kremlin, the free democracies have no desire to dictate to other people what their political or economic institutions should be. Nor is there any desire to stop the flow of trade, though, as Mr. Acheson said, "decisions do not lie entirely with us." Standards of security and decency must be observed. In the stalemate which we confront today even straws of comfort are to be noted. The State trading organisations, while seizing the mechanism of trade, show a manifest eagerness to keep open the channels of trade with the West, and not to let everything go the way Manchuria's products are going.

Mr. Acheson's approach to China was positive in principle, but action awaits a response that may be tardy. There is due restraint, but nothing of resignation. In South East Asia, however, action is possible and needed, and here the policy laid down is positive not only in principle but in the line of action.

SITUATION AT 10.30 a.m. May 26 Bismarck found by flying-boat



to be an anxious weekend. I had of course a most complete service of secretaries in the house, and also direct telephone connections with the Admiralty and other key departments. The Admiralty expected the Bismarck and the Prinz Eugen to come through the Denmark Strait in the early dawn, and that the Prince of Wales and the Hood, with two or three cruisers, would bring them to battle. All our ships were moving towards the scene in accordance with the general plan. We spent an anxious evening, and did not go to bed until two or three o'clock.

At about seven I was awakened to hear formidable news. The Hood, our largest and also our fastest capital ship, had blown up. Although somewhat lightly constructed, she carried eight 15-inch guns, and was one of our most cherished naval possessions. Her loss was a bitter grief, but knowing of all the ships that were converging towards the Bismarck I felt sure we should get her before long, unless she turned North and went home. I went straight to Harriman's room at the end of the corridor, and, according to him, said: "The Hood has blown up, but we have got the Bismarck for certain."

I then returned to my room, and was so well tired that I went to sleep again. At about half-past eight my principal private secretary, Martin, came into the room in his dressing-gown with a strained look on his face, clear-cut fact. "Have we got her?" he asked. "No," he said, "the Bismarck has broken off the action." This was a sharp disappointment. Had then the Bismarck turned North and gone home? Here was my great fear. We now know what happened.

alarming speed, until it engulfed and whole midship part. All the ships were now in action, and the Bismarck too was hit.

Sudden disaster

Suddenly came disaster. At six o'clock, after the Bismarck had fired her fifth salvo, the Hood was rent in twain by a mighty explosion. A few minutes later she had vanished beneath the waves amidst a vast pall of smoke. All but three of her valiant company, more than 1,500 men, including Vice-Admiral Lancelot Holland and Captain Ralph Kerr, perished.

The Prince of Wales quickly altered her course to avoid the wreckage of the Hood and continued the now unequal fight. Very soon the Bismarck's fire began to tell upon her. Within a few minutes she received four hits from 15-inch shells, one of which wrecked the bridge, killing or wounding nearly all upon it. At the same time the ship was holed under water. Captain Leach, one of the few survivors from the bridge, decided to break off the action for the moment, and turned away under a smoke-screen. He had however, inflicted damage on the Bismarck which reduced her speed.

The command now passed to Rear-Admiral Wake-Walker on his bridge in the cruiser Norfolk. It was for him to decide whether to renew the fight at once or hold on to the enemy till the Commander-in-Chief should arrive with the King George V and the aircraft-carrier Victorious. A dominant factor was the state of the Prince of Wales. This ship had only recently been commissioned, and scarcely a week had passed since Captain Leach had been able to report her fit for battle. She had been severely mauled, and two

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PEKING MINISTRY TAKES OVER STATE AND PRIVATE TRADE

San Francisco, March 15.

The Communist Ministry of Trade in China has been made the responsible and chief organ for controlling State and co-operative trade and directing private trade throughout the areas under the control of Mao Tse-tung's Government.

Peking Radio reported this tonight.

This was a new decision on the co-ordination of State trade taken by the Government Administration Council in Peking, the Radio said.

BAD NEWS FOR UK INDUSTRY

Manchester, March 15.
Cotton men who studied U.S. yarn products for two months today gave the British cotton industry the bad news that U.S. mills are at least two and one-half times more efficient than Britain's.

It takes the British cotton worker 2.33 times as long to produce the same amount of yarn as his American counterpart, the team said in its report. In some British mills the figure is down to 1.91, the report said, but it ranges up to 3.56 in others.

The team, representing all sections of the industry, spoke for the Federation of Master Cotton Spinners Associations on its tour of American mills last October and November.

The report declared: "Lower productivity in England does not mean that English operatives necessarily work less hard. In many cases they work as hard or harder."

The team made these observations:
1. Mechanisation, if accompanied by lower production costs, maintains and creates employment rather than reducing it.

2. Work assignments providing less than a reasonable task are unfair to workers in other occupations and constitute as great a disservice to the operatives themselves as to the employers and the public.

3. Every man and woman should produce the maximum volume of goods consistent with the required quality and the maintenance of fair working conditions.
4. Work assignments which overburden the workers and do not provide reasonably for rest, relaxation are unfair to the operatives, economically unsound and will eventually lead to lower and not higher production.—Associated Press.

Russian teachers in Peking

San Francisco, March 15.
Russian professors and experts are teaching in the Chinese Communist's new university in Peking.

This was disclosed today by Peking Radio in a broadcast heard by the Associated Press in San Francisco.

The broadcast said lectures began on Monday in the New Chinese People's University. Enrollment was 1,000 students.

The radio explained the presence of the Russians by saying: "The close combination of learning and practice and the study of the experiences of the Soviet Union are the guiding principles of this university of a new type."

The curriculum is heavy in Marxism and Leninism, economics and technical courses. There also is a two-year course in the Russian language.—Associated Press.

RUSSIAN ENVOY IN PAKISTAN

Peshawar, March 15.
M. Alexander G. Stetsenko, the first Russian Ambassador to Pakistan, arrived in Peshawar tonight accompanied by his wife and 17 members of his staff.

He had travelled from Russia via Afghanistan. He and his party will leave by train for Karachi tomorrow evening.—Reuter.

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"Wanton" raid on Shanghai

San Francisco, March 15.
Peking Radio reported tonight that Nationalist bombers raided Shanghai city at noon on Tuesday.

It said that over 50 bombs were dropped and that six people were killed.

The Radio described the raid as wanton and alleged that it was under the direction of American imperialists.—Reuter.

GUINEA TICKLISH PROBLEM

Jakarta, March 15.
Indonesian leaders are almost certain to make the future status of Dutch New Guinea one of the questions of discussion when they meet Dutch Ministers at the first conference of the Netherlands-Indonesian Union here on March 25.

The movement in Indonesia for the inclusion of Dutch New Guinea in the new Republic has grown to such an extent that the Government, which is fighting for popular support, dare not ignore it.

Informed Dutch and Indonesian sources agree that unless the Netherlands Government gives way on this and other issues a serious split in Union relations may follow.

In fact, they said, high-level representations are being made to have the conference postponed for several months because the present time is considered too dangerous.

The New Guinea question is due to be settled this year, but the Netherlands Government did not expect the matter to be brought up at the initial conference.

It had no objection to putting the matter on the agenda but would rather go no further at this stage than to appoint a Commission to investigate the question.

Well-informed circles here believe that the Netherlands Government is anxious to keep control of New Guinea in order to have a voice in any future defence policy for South East Asia.—Reuter.

BERGMAN SUES EX-HUSBAND

Hollywood, March 15.
Ingrid Bergman asked a Superior Court today for custody of her 12-year-old daughter and sued her former husband, Dr. Peter Lindstrom, for US\$154,000 in cash and a division of property.

The Swedish actress, whose romance with the Italian film director Roberto Rossellini caused a United States Senator to denounce her on the floor of the Senate yesterday, also demanded an accounting of all cash and personal and real property, which she said was in the custody of Dr. Lindstrom and 10 other unidentified defendants.

The suit filed by the actress' Hollywood attorney, Greg Bantz, named Dr. Lindstrom, the Bank of America, five John Does and five Richard Roes as defendants. The actress said the \$154,000 was the salary RKO Studios paid her for acting in "Stromboli", the film she made for Rossellini, the father of her child born recently in Rome.

She asked that she be declared sole owner of an interest in the film to which, she said, Dr. Lindstrom claimed part title. The suit requested that she be given title to a list of personal property that was attached to the suit and that the defendant be restrained from disposing of this real or personal property.—United Press.

OIL WORKERS REJECT "SACK"

Haifa, March 15.
Workers in the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company's refineries here today rejected the Company's dismissal order, and demanded that they be laid off when the refineries close down.

This would amount to a holiday with pay while the refineries are running on a caretaker basis pending an increase in the deliveries of crude oil.

The Company announced last month that most of the workers would be dismissed by June 1, only plant maintenance men being retained.

Crude oil formerly reached the refineries by tanker through the Suez Canal and the pipe-line from Iraq. Both these channels are now closed, by the Egyptian and Iraqi Governments.—Reuter.

JAPAN COTTON YARN OUTPUT

Osaka, March 16.
Japan's cotton yarn production in February hit the post-war record of 36,350,037 pounds, an increase of 5,271,182 pounds over January, the Japan Spinning Manufacturers Association announced yesterday.

Cotton cloth production for February totalled 58,824,530 square yards, an increase of 9,929,935 square yards over January.

The increases were attributed to improved inflow of raw cotton during January.

The Association also revealed that the number of spindles installed and operable in February totalled 3,787,184 and 3,769,268, respectively.—Reuter.

MANILA ELECTRIC FINANCING

Washington, March 15.
The Securities and Exchange Commission today approved a new financing plan of the Manila Electric Company of Manila.

Under the proposal, the Philippine utility will transfer 488,100 shares of new 20-peso par common stock to Associated Electric Company of New York for 97,220 shares of new outstanding 100-peso par common.

The transaction will all part of refinancing plans of Manila Electric designed to provide new funds to finance construction.—Associated Press.

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HK AIRCRAFT CASE RAISED IN COMMONS

London, March 15.

The British Government rejected a proposal in the House of Commons today to send a Commission to Hong Kong to investigate the handing over of 71 former Chinese Nationalist aircraft to the Chinese Communists.

Air Commodore Arthur Harvey (Conservative) urged this move "rather than leave the matter in the hands of the local Court of Hong Kong."

Air Commodore Harvey was a Director of the Far East Aviation Company in Hong Kong from 1930 to 1935, and was made an honorary major-general in the Southern Chinese Air Force in 1934.

Mr. John Dugdale, Minister of State for the Colonies, replied that the Colonial Office has every confidence in the local Court and does not consider a Commission of Inquiry necessary.

Air Commodore Harvey said he was dissatisfied with this answer and will raise the matter again.

Mr. Dugdale said the aircraft are still in Hong Kong although the Chinese Nationalists had not applied for a fresh injunction to keep the Reds from moving them.

Air Commodore Harvey asked Mr. Dugdale in what circumstances the planes had been released to the Communists.

Court case

Mr. Dugdale replied: "Some months ago, the Government of Hong Kong permitted the China National Aviation Corporation to bring to Hong Kong a number of aircraft which had formerly been based at Shanghai. In November last, litigation began in the courts at Hong Kong with regard to the aircraft between persons who may be regarded broadly as supporting the interest of the Central People's Government on the one hand, and persons supporting the interests of the Chinese Nationalists, and later of American companies, on the other."

"The object of both sides was to establish a right to the aircraft and to remove them from Hong Kong."

The statement continued: "On February 23 last, judgment was delivered by the Chief Justice of Hong Kong, but it merely decided that the aircraft, being in the physical control of the employees who now accepted orders from the Central People's Government, were in de facto control and possession of that Government, and that therefore it would be a violation of the immunity of a foreign sovereign government for the court to grant the application which had been made, that the aircraft should be delivered to a receiver appointed by the Court."

"On the same day, the injunctions, which had hitherto restrained both sides from removing the aircraft, were terminated on an application made by the sup-

porters of the Central People's Government, without opposition from the supporters of the other side.

"I have been informed that an appeal from the judgment given on February 23 has been lodged, but no fresh injunctions have been applied for. The aircraft are still in Hong Kong."

British attitude

The planes have been grounded in Hong Kong since their crews went over to the Communists last November.

The United States Government protested earlier this month against the release of the planes. It claimed that they were bought by Major-General Claire Chennault, former Commander of the American "Flying Tigers" volunteer air squadron in China, two months before Britain recognised the Peking Government.

Britain considers that she cannot interfere for political reasons with the decision of the Hong Kong court, taken on purely legal grounds, that the planes should be handed over to the Chinese People's Government.—Reuter and United Press.

EX-PRELATE RELEASED

Rome, March 15.

A Rome court today provisionally released unfringed Monsignor Eduard Pretner Cippico who has been held for the last two years on charges of embezzling 1,000,000,000 lire.

The Prosecution asked for the adjournment of his case—already twice adjourned—without fixing any date for further hearings.

The former prelate, one-time keeper of the Vatican's secret archives, was traced by the Italian police two years ago after he had escaped from arrest in the Vatican.

In addition to charges of embezzlement, Cippico was accused of stealing jewellery and of forgery.

He frankly told a previous court hearing last year that he made a profit out of dealing in foreign currencies.

As a result of the court's order the ex-Monsignor will leave Rome's "Regina Coeli" Gaol tomorrow but will remain at the call of the court for further hearings.—Reuter.

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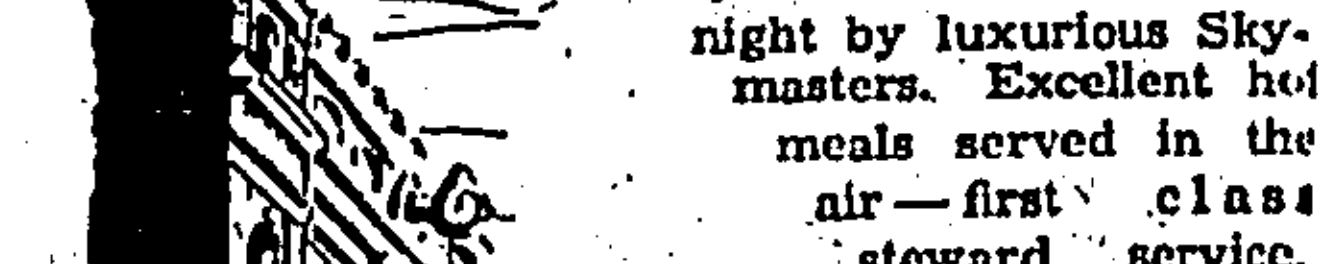
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**DIGENE FOR INDIGESTION****Survivors tell story of crash**

Saint Athan, March 15.

The dramatic story of history's worst air disaster was told in simple words today by two of the three survivors.

The two, who were able to walk away from the crash of the Tudor V airliner, which killed 80 persons on Sunday, said the accident came so suddenly that they still were bracing themselves for the shock after it was all over.

The other passengers never knew what happened. They were interviewed today at the RAF hospital at St. Athan. The third survivor is still on the danger list.

The two who were able to talk were Gwyn Anthony, 20-year-old school teacher, and his brother-in-law, Handel Rodgers, 33. Both are former RAF men.

Anthony did most of the talking. "We were coming in for a normal landing, and the air hostess told us to prepare to land."

In the tail

"We were sitting in the tail of the machine. We had gone there because we thought we would get a better view. All the passengers were quiet, and there had been no singing or anything of that sort, because they were tired after the trip."

"Some of them were picking out land marks, and were very happy to think they were arriving home safely."

"Everything was going along very smoothly, when suddenly, the plane took a steep upward climb. As a former member of the RAF, I instinctively felt that something was wrong, and I braced myself against the seat."

"Immediately, I saw earth and metal flying all around, and I watched for a further crash, but I found we had already come to earth."

"All was deathly silent, and then I heard my brother-in-law crawling towards me."

Not a sound

"He was bleeding from the head. We assisted each other out of the plane, and saw villagers coming towards us."

"All the other passengers were hurled into the fore part of the plane, and were all piled together, but we did not hear a sound."

Rodgers' story was the same. Asked if there had been any movement or excitement before the crash, he replied "no". "Everybody was calm, and sitting in their seats waiting for the plane to touch down."

"They never knew what happened. Describing the crash itself, he said "All I heard sounded like a heavy shower of hail, and I felt that something was wrong, and waited for the crash, but we were already down."—Associated Press

U.S. GETS MORE SPY CONSCIOUS

Washington, March 15.

In a sharp reaction to recent spy cases, the House of Representatives today voted 369 to two to clamp tight new safeguards around American secrets and stiffen the penalties for espionage.

The measure, which now goes to the Senate, would provide met... for dealing with foreign-trained spies and saboteurs and give President Truman wide powers to protect military secrets. It would:

1. Extend the statute of limitations from three to 10 years for certain types of cases dealing with the theft of Government secrets.
2. Double the penalty for conspiracy to reveal national secrets. The new penalty would be a maximum fine of US\$10,000 or 10 years in prison.
3. Require registration of everyone who might have knowledge of or have received instruction in spying or sabotage from a foreign country or political party, except those trained for Government purposes.
4. Make failure to register as a foreign agent a continuing offense in order to extend the statute of limitations.
5. Give the President and Secretary of Defense power to make special regulations to protect peace-time secrets of military stations and material.—United Press.

Oak Ridge research on cancer

Washington, March 15.

The atomic plant at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, intends to open the first of its cancer research centres about April 1.

The House of Representatives Appropriations Sub-Committee has been told that selected patients from the South Eastern United States will be brought to the new hospital for experimental treatment with radio-active elements about which much has been learned in the handling of fissionable materials.

Similar experiments will be made at the Argonne Centru Hospital in Chicago.

"A special effort will be made to treat leukaemia in children, which is one of the worst types of cancer of the white blood cells," said Dr. Warren, Director of Biology and Medicine, to the Atomic Energy Commission which plans to spend \$1,600,000 in cancer research in the fiscal year 1951 compared with \$1,600,000 this year.—Reuter.

Confusion on the wireless

London, March 15.

Europe's attempt to achieve harmony through the 1948 Copenhagen wavelengths agreement brought discord and confusion to Germany to-night when the switchover faced its first real test.

Essentially, the new system seems to be working satisfactorily with the strong transmitters of Britain, France, Holland and Belgium dominating the European ether, according to Reuter's radio station.

West German radio networks reported a state of general confusion. French Zone German stations had to stay on their old wavelengths and one Soviet-controlled German transmitter, the long-wave Deutsche Landesender, could not be heard at all.

The United States, controlling a dozen European transmitters within the American forces' network, ignored today's switch to the reallocated wavelengths as it was not a party to the agreement.—Reuter.

Chinese army in Kwangsi

Saigon, March 15.

A French Army commander, General Marcel Carpentier, told Reuter today that about 700,000 regular Chinese Communist troops are concentrated in Kwangsi Province areas near the classic aviation route to Indo-China.

There is no sign of the Chinese preparing to move southwards to the frontier, which the French are holding very strongly.

The French forces are on correct terms with the Chinese Communists.

The Vietnamese (the Communist-led autonomists) are receiving arms and ammunition from China, he said, but so far Chinese Communist forces have penetrated the frontier.

Neutral intelligence sources confirm that there are Chinese concentrations in Kwangsi Province.

One thousand Chinese Nationalist armed stragglers, who crossed into Burma, tried to enter Siam and then entered Indo-China, are looking for somebody to surrender to, reliable neutral reports received here stated.

The stragglers—belonging to the Nationalist 93rd Division—crossed the Chinese-Burmese border South of Keng-Houng in the Yunnan Province of China on February 22.

Their officers told the Burmese that they wished to settle in Burma or Siam, and did not wish to be involved in the civil war in Burma.

According to no Burmese forces to surrender their arms to, they marched on towards Keng-gong, a town on the Indo-Siam frontier.

Halted by the Siamese, the Chinese turned back over the Indo-China frontier on March 3 and reported to be near Tang-Ho, where they sent a patrol to negotiate a surrender with the French.

The trackless mountainous terrain in the area may delay the surrender and the internment of the Chinese troops, who will eventually be sent to join several thousand compatriots interned in the Hanol area.—Reuter.

DENIAL FROM VIETMINH

Paris, March 15.

Vietminh (the insurgent Vietnamese Nationalist) Radio today denied a report that negotiations might soon be opened between the Vietminh leader, Ho Chi-minh, and Bao Dai, head of the Vietnam State, Agence France Presse reported from Saigon.—Reuter.

U.S. WARSHIPS PAY INDO-CHINA VISIT

Saigon, March 15.

Warships and carrier planes of the U.S. Seventh Fleet visit Indo-China today in a declaration of American interest in South East Asia and a gesture of support for the new French-sponsored State of Vietnam.

American official quarters say the naval demonstration will serve as a warning to Russia and Communist China of United States' concern over the future of South East Asia, and will ease somewhat Vietnamese concern over the presence of Chinese Communist armies on Vietnam's Northern frontier.

The naval visit is intended to bolster the "face" of Bao Dai's Vietnamese Government in its struggle to attract nationalist supporters away from the Communist-led Vietnam forces.

An American mission to survey the economic needs of South East Asia, which arrived here on March 6, also worked in this direction. The mission, headed by Mr. R. A. Griffin, California publisher, plans to telegraph its recommendations on Indo-China to Washington on Thursday.

The two American destroyers, Stickle and Anderson, are to enter the mouth of the Saigon River adjacent Cap St. Jacques early on Thursday morning. They will be escorted 50 miles upriver to Saigon by French naval units to guard against possible attacks by Vietnam forces active in this region.

Larger American Navy vessels are not visiting Saigon, presumably because of river navigation problems.

The aircraft carrier Boxer will remain about 60 miles off Cap St. Jacques with its two destroyer escorts Buck and Thomson.

The Boxer with its escorts will return to the Philippines after putting on two air shows on Thursday and Friday. The Stickle and the Anderson will leave Saigon on Monday.

Air display

The Boxer will launch 42 planes on Thursday for an air parade over the capital of Central Vietnam (Annam) and the nearby port of Tourane.

Seventy-one planes will be sent aloft on Friday for a demonstration over Saigon and 38 of these will continue on to Phnompenh, capital of Cambodia.

About 37 officers and 500 American sailors will go ashore in Saigon to participate in a five-day programme of good-will ceremony.

At the ceremony, Vice-Admiral Russel S. Berkey, Commander of the Seventh Fleet which is based in the Philippines, will arrive in Saigon by air on Thursday morning and hoist his flag aboard the Stickle.

Bao Dai, Chief of State for Vietnam, who arrived in Saigon today, will be among leading Vietnamese and French officials who will return courtesy calls aboard the Stickle.—Associated Press.

SOVIETISATION OF INDUSTRY

Berlin, March 15.

The official Red Army newspaper "Tagessche Rundschau" indicated today that Russia intends to complete the "Sovietisation" of industry in East Germany.

The newspaper advised the East German unions and Communist politicians that the workers in private industry are being cheated while the owners make the profit.

It told Communist German leaders to organise the unions in private plants.

Charges that undue profits were being exacted have usually set the stage for a plant to be absorbed by the State during the past two years in the Soviet zone.—Associated Press.

Compromise plan on American aid to Bao Dai

Washington, March 15.

Creation of a joint Franco-American mission to administer aid for Indo-China appears likely. Such a step is believed to be the only feasible way of compromising the difference of opinion between French officials and Vietnam representatives on how American aid to Indo-China should be channelled.

Vietnam officials had declared their desire to receive it directly but French officials pointed out that they considered the impracticability of such method, since Vietnam is not well enough organised administratively at all levels to handle the matter.

Meanwhile officials here are studying the French request for military aid although they await clarification from Paris as to the priority which the French place on various items.

The principal items in the French request for military aid to Indo-China are signal equipment and spare parts for lorries, jeeps and aircraft. They also asked ammunition for a number of light 37 mm field pieces which they have in Indo-China.

They asked for no lethal weapons, presumably in the belief that the absence of such items on the list might speed American compliance with their request. Their original request, on which the State Department asked priority clarification, indicated that in a long-range programme they would like to get a number of aircraft and river vessels.

Out of supply

Officials indicate that difficulties in complying with the French request, when the desired priority clarification has been received, will arise principally from the fact that some of the needed items are out of supply here.

There is no sizeable stock of 37 mm. ammunition and none is being manufactured. Some of the transport parts requested also are in extremely low supply.

However, it is hoped to be able to work out a programme as quickly as possible.

Signal equipment can probably be provided rather readily. Officials here consider this item of considerable necessity because of constant guerrilla activity by Dr. Ho Chi-minh's Communist rebels disrupts the French Union forces' communications lines.

While conceding that administrative difficulties make it impossible to deliver all equipment directly to Vietnam officials, United States authorities nevertheless intend to insist the French make a public announcement that they are receiving equipment not just for France but for the armies of the French Union including Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia.

Though the necessity to channel through the French conflicts with the American desire to build up Bao Dai's stature as much as possible, they see no more practical solution than the creation of a joint mission.—United Press.

KMT AGENT ARRESTED

San Francisco, March 15.

Peking Radio said tonight that the Chungking People's Government had arrested Hsueh Fu-kwang, described as a notorious Kuomintang Gestapo agent.

It quoted Press reports as saying that Hsueh had confessed to two assassinations—those of Professor Li Kung-pu and Professor Wen Yi-tao, members of the China Democratic League, in Kunming, in July, 1946.—Reuter.

GRIM TASK FOR NAVY

Sheerness, March 15.

New efforts will be made tomorrow to find out how many bodies still remain in the British submarine Truculent which sank in the Thames Estuary in January with the loss of 84 lives.

Three survivors volunteered today to board the raised vessel to identify any bodies still in the wreckage.

The battered hull, lifted yesterday from the bottom of the Estuary, is today on a sandbank near here.

The Admiralty plan to lift her again at high water tomorrow and re-beach her at a slightly higher position on the sea bed. Salvage experts had hoped to go aboard at low water today but it was found that the hull was more extensively damaged than was at first thought.

When Truculent has been re-beached, the gash on her side, caused by a collision with the Swedish tanker Divina immediately before her death dive, will have to be patched before the water can be pumped out.

The leader of a party of five volunteers from the submarine service, wearing breathing apparatus and carrying white mice and a miner's lamp to test for foul air, will then go aboard.

They will bring out the remaining bodies, documents, stores and personal effects.—Reuter.

REDS LOSE OUT IN DENMARK

Copenhagen, March 15.

Denmark's nationwide municipal elections today resulted in a rout for the Communists.

The Communists lost their only seat in the County Councils and lost 50 of the 74 seats they had won in Town Councils in the 1946 elections.—United Press.

FLYING SAUCER OVER SICILY

Rome, March 15.

A flying saucer appeared today in Sicilian skies, Ansa, the Italian news agency, reported from Ragusa.

The agency report said that inhabitants of Comiso saw a very bright flying saucer in the afternoon hovering over the town for some hours.—Associated Press.

BOMBAY NORMAL

Bombay, March 15.

The curfew has been lifted in all areas of Bombay, and the city is normal again after two days of stringent police precautions against potential trouble-makers.

The police today arrested 24 people—two of whom were carrying lethal weapons—bringing the total number of arrests so far to 284.—Reuter.

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SHOP AT THE DAIRY FARM

PARTIAL CLIMB-DOWN BY GOVERNMENT IN THE SERETSE AFFAIR

The Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, today modified the hotly controversial order exiling Seretse Khama and his white bride from their African tribal kingdom in Bechuanaland. Pacifying angry Labour Members of Parliament, Mr. Attlee said the Negro chief might live in his British-protected homeland until his pretty English wife bears the child she expects in late June.

VENICE COMES TO A HALT

Venice, March 15. Red flags flew in St. Mark's Square in the heart of Venice today as protesting strikers paraded through the gondola city against yesterday's shooting of five workers by the Italian police.

Strikers road blocks also paralyzed traffic throughout the Province where Communist-led trade unions are staging a 30-hour protest. The only traffic was the armoured cars manned by steel-helmeted police armed with rifles and tommy-guns grimly patrolling the tense area around the Breda engineering works where the five men were wounded last night in an angry demonstration against factory dismissals.

This morning the express train from Trieste arrived here an hour late with smashed windows after being stoned by strikers along the line.

All further trains were halted in the area. Outside Venice, the Crown Prince of Saudi Arabia, Prince Mohammed Abdul, was held up and was unable to continue his journey to Switzerland.

Later reports said that the strike had spread through 10 Northern Provinces.

In Venice everything is at a standstill, even the gondolas.—Reuter.

CHILD ACTRESS MADE WARD

Hollywood, March 15. Lora Lee Michel, nine-year-old film actress, was made a ward of the Juvenile Court today by Superior Judge A. A. Scott, who ruled that her film career was over.

The Judge announced the ruling after a half-hour conference with the little girl's foster parents, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Michel, from whose home Lora Lee fled on Monday night.—United Press.

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London, March 15.

News of the Government's partial climb-down leaked out after angry MP's criticised their leader for pandering to the race prejudices of British Commonwealth nations in Africa. Mr. Attlee met with the legislators in a private caucus today.

Both he and his Minister for Commonwealth Relations, Patrick Gordon Walker, stressed that the Government's five-year banishment order against Seretse Khama and his wife will not go into effect until the expected baby is born.

Then the three of them will be called on to leave. Meanwhile, the Chief himself will be asked to promise that he will not stir up tribal antagonism.

Whether the young African will accept the British terms was not ascertainable immediately.

Seretse said in an interview earlier this week that he would go back to British Bechuanaland as soon as he got an approval from the British Government.

Storm aroused

He accused Britain of "double-crossing" him in inducing him to come to London for talks and then introducing its banishment order.

The Labour Government, with its shaky Parliamentary majority, found itself in a tough spot as a result.

First a rash of political, Press and public criticism of the action burst loose.

Then one or two non-white Commonwealth countries banded in informal but unmistakable expressions of concern at a decision which they thought amounted to British acceptance of the colour bar.

Finally Seretse's own people, the Bamangwato tribe, ostentatiously turned their back on the British by boycotting meetings called by Sir Evelyn Baring, British High Commissioner.

Public anger

The Government's climb-down seems designed to mollify the anger of its own supporters and of some sections of the public.

In fact, the Government is helping itself by retreating partially.

Its officials admit privately that the British public would find it most difficult to accept a decision which kept a man away from his wife at a time when she was bearing her first baby.

Seretse's wife, London-born Ruth Williams, announced in Serowe, the mud-hut capital of Bechuanaland, that she will never leave her homeland voluntarily.

The British authorities, she said, would have to carry her out feet first.

The softly-spoken tribal leader has told of his intention to fight the legality of the British banishment order every inch of the way.

He will challenge how a civilized country can exile a man from his homeland just as any American, Frenchman or Briton would contest an order expelling him from America, France or the United Kingdom.

Prestige shaken

Seretse was going to be allowed to return to the Bechuanaland protectorate anyway by the British, but they were going to keep him out of his tribal reserve, which is a land-locked island territory within the protectorate.

That is where Ruth is. And that is where the Bamangwato have begun a passive resistance movement against their British rulers.

Informed political sources said that Labour MP's told Mr. Attlee and Mr. Gordon Walker today that British prestige in Africa has suffered one of its worst slumps in its African history over the Seretse affair.

They claimed that when a tiny nation like the 100,000-strong Bamangwato can flout British authority as they have done this week it is time for a Socialist Government to stop and think.

Mr. Gordon Walker is due to answer a series of Commons questions on the Seretse case on Thursday.—Associated Press.

U.S. AID TO THE FAR EAST

Washington, March 15.

The United States extended Japan, the Philippines, Korea and China financial grants credits totalling \$874,000,000 last year, the Commerce Department reported today.

This compared with \$871,000,000 in 1948.

The report shows that from July 1, 1945, through December 31, 1949, this assistance to these countries amounted to \$4,339,000,000.

For 1949, the report said, Japan received \$474,000,000 of which \$426,000,000 was in grants and \$48,000,000 in credits. The 1948 total was \$408,000,000, of which \$388,000,000 was in grants and \$20,000,000 in credits.

Japan's four and a half year total was \$1,716,000,000 of which \$1,453,000,000 was in grants and \$263,000,000 in credits.

For 1949, the Philippines received \$203,000,000 in grants but no credits. The 1948 total was \$133,000,000, of which \$130,000,000 was in grants and \$3,000,000 in credits.

The four and a half year total was \$568,000,000, of which \$488,000,000 was in grants and \$79,000,000 in credits.

Korea received \$300,000,000 during the four and a half year period, of which \$275,000,000 was in grants and \$25,000,000 in credits. During 1949, Korea received \$86,000,000 in grants but no credits. For 1948, Korea received \$109,000,000, of which \$96,000,000 was in grants and \$13,000,000 in credits.

China received \$1,755,000,000 during the four and a half year period, of which \$1,526,000,000 was in grants and \$229,000,000 in credits.

The 1949 total was \$111,000,000 of which \$109,000,000 was in grants and \$2,000,000 in credits. The 1948 total was \$224,000,000, of which \$203,000,000 was in grants and \$21,000,000 in credits.

This assistance to the Asiatic nations was but a portion of similar aid the United States extended on a global basis during the four and a half year period totalling \$25,929,000,000. Of this, the 1949 total was \$5,970,000,000 and the 1948 total was \$5,523,000,000.

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Philippines to deport 100 Chinese

Manila, March 15. The acting Immigration Commissioner, J. P. Bengzon, has ordered the deportation of about 100 Chinese nationals whose temporary permits of stay in the Philippines already have expired.

The Immigration Office has adopted the policy of not granting any extensions of temporary visitors' permits, which are good for only one year. A few hundred more temporary Chinese visitors are also likely to be deported as soon as their cases are investigated.

Temporary visitors will be deported to Taiwan, and the Government may use a Naval patrol vessel to take them there.—United Press.

BRITAIN AND IRAQ OIL

London, March 15.

Mr. Ernest Bevin, the Foreign Secretary, deprecated the linking in Parliament today of the British supply of arms in Iraq with the question of re-opening the Haifa-Iraq pipeline.

It would be far better if Members wanted answers about the pipeline would ask questions about the pipeline and not about the supply of arms to Iraq," he said.

Mr. Somerset de Chair, Conservative, had urged him, in view of Britain's intimate treaty relationship with Iraq, to discuss this question because the mere hostility of the Arab League towards Israel cannot for ever close the supply of oil from Kirkuk to Haifa.

A Labour Member, Mr. Woodrow Wyatt, asked whether Britain obtained any undertaking from Iraq about reopening the pipeline before recently supplying her with arms.

Mr. Bevin replied: "No. Any arms supplied to Iraq by the British Government are in fulfilment of our obligations under the Anglo-Iraqi Treaty."

He had discussed the question with every Arab country concerned, including Iraq, and the feeling was very intense.

Mr. Bevin did not reply when a Labour Member, Mr. Ian Mikardo, asked if the British taxpayer must go on indefinitely paying for arms to go to Iraq that were used to prevent the British from getting sterling oil.

The pipeline has been closed since the Palestine war, causing the loss of an annual output of about 4,000,000 tons of oil for the sterling area.

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LONDON DIARY

By WINDRUSH

March 6: The full-dress opening of Parliament. The London streets have more colour and pageantry today than at any time since 1939. Not only is all the old ceremonial restored for the opening of Parliament: the streets are also decorated for tomorrow's arrival of the French President. It is unfortunate for the Labour Party that this blaze of colour broke out on the very first public occasion after they came a cropper at the election. Illogically, people have already begun to feel that February 23 meant the end of austerity and the return of old times.

It is odd how a part of the Labour Party jibe at colour and ceremony. It feels that they symbolize the bad old days. Behind the ermine and the scarlet they see unemployment queues and hunger marches. They have developed an instinct against anything spectacular. This is dangerous for them. The majority of people still love a show.

March 7: London covered with flags for the French President. Some of the banners put up by the Ministry of Works look very much as if taken out of store:

they have lost freshness, and more remind us of previous and happier times. People are glad enough to see the drabness of London brightened up—but there is curiously little interest in the visitor, or in France itself. People no longer think of France as our inevitable and necessary ally on the continent, as they did 20 years ago. We know less about France and French affairs today than we did then. America has cut out France in our interests.

March 8: The Fuchs case is still being talked of. There is a certain pleasure at the discomfiture of Mr. Fuchs. The last thing which is wanted here are witch hunts of the American pattern.

On the whole, scientists today are less likely to hand over their secrets to the Russians than they were five years ago. The political phase among scientists is wearing itself out. Until quite recent times, scientists were the most non-political of any of the professional groups. It was in the thirties that a political fever began to sweep them. Many of them were attracted to Communism because the USSR were claimed to be a "scientifically planned" society. Professors Alderson and Bernal are the best known of the fellow-traveller or Communist scientists, but there were many more. Now most scientists seem to have become bored with politics. Perhaps the Lysenko affair was a shock to them.

March 9: London is diverted by the "open letter" of North Korean intellectuals to the United Nations Korean Commission. It seems that they have taken a look at the outside world and do not like it at all. This is how they describe the various countries represented on the Commission: "India, a beggarly hungry year, which has decided to live off its two masters, the U.S.A. and Britain, selling its vast territories and abundant resources; the Philippines, which have long boasted of their tradition as a professional champion hireling of the U.S. imperialists; reactionary France, which has long been a successful broker for the Wall Street merchants, selling itself for the Marshall plan; the dastardly slave Australia, which is running all the rough errands, kneeling before the U.S. monopolists, leaving the bosom of the bankrupt English gentleman; Turkey, a bandit sitting on the Black Sea" and so on.

March 10: The oven balance in Parliament is going to have some unforeseen results. It is going to make Parliament interesting to the ordinary person.

It has been the despair of demagogues to make the man in the street read Parliamentary debates. Because the ordinary reader was bored by them, the focus in politics has been shifting away from Parliament to the party meetings, trade union conferences, and so on. But now the House of Commons has become a sporting arena.

One of the first results will be that the newspapers will have to print much fuller accounts of the debates than has been the custom recently.

Churchill has already shown that there is to be a long-term battle of wits in the present House. People have begun to watch his moves as if watching a chess board. Churchill is a masterly Parliamentary tactician. This is the man of whom the Labour whisper in the election was that "he is a potty old man of 72."

On the very first day of this Parliament has put Labour on the spot by his proposal for a Select Committee on electoral reform. Labour may splutter that this is a stunt—but it will win the Liberals and there is nothing they can do about it.

Twice in a month Churchill has stolen the initiative from them. The first time was when he proposed negotiation over the hydrogen bomb with Russia.

The real danger of proportional representation is that in 10 years time it might let into Parliament an uncomfortable number of Communists. Once there are more than a very small group of Communists in Parliament, parliamentary government becomes really impossible. They can disrupt the proceedings too easily.

San Francisco, March 15. The Chinese Communists are going all-out to produce their own food, Peking Radio indicated tonight. Apart from assigning army personnel to work on the land they have now supported a scheme whereby secondary school and college students will do the same so that they can grow enough vegetables to meet their own needs.

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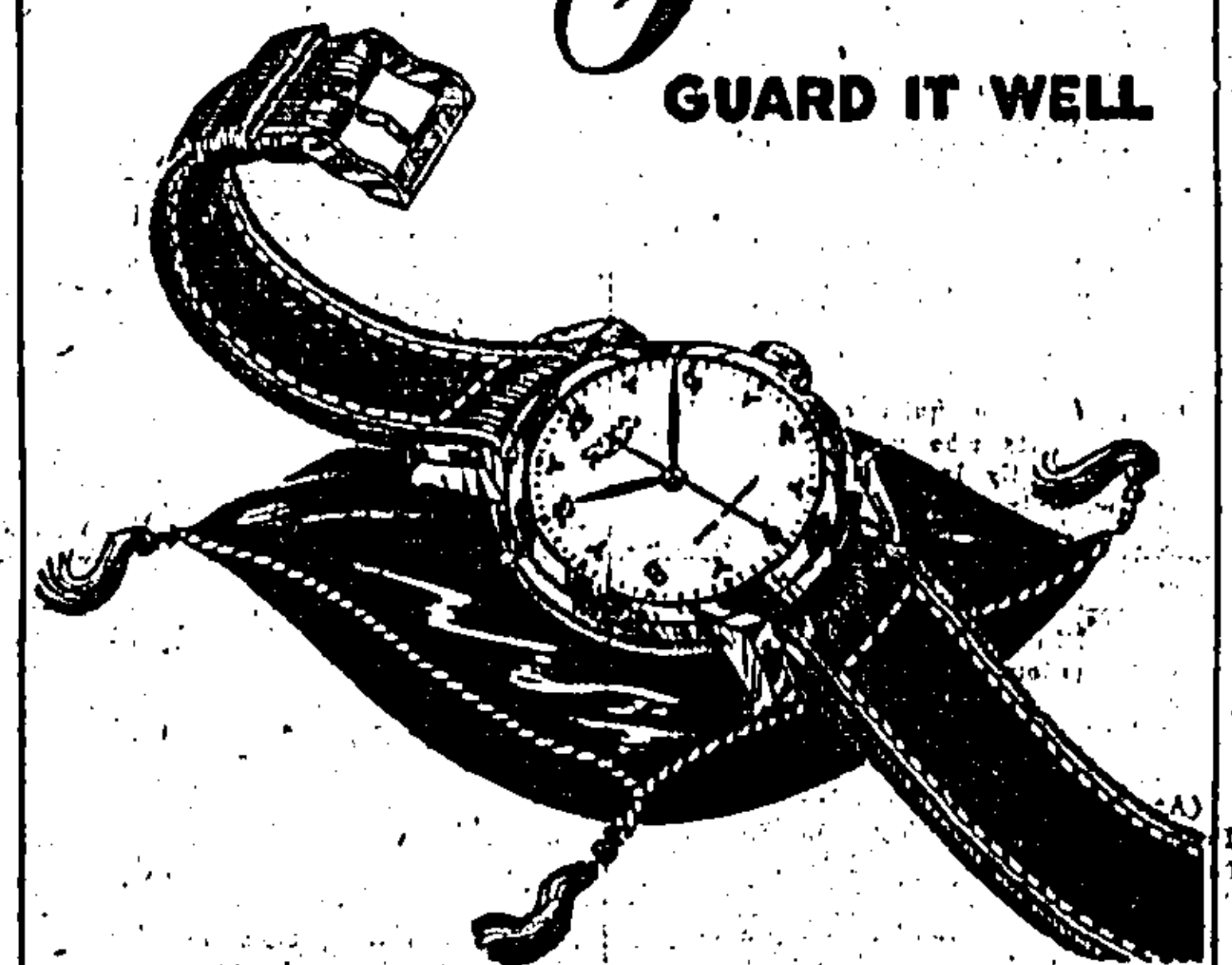
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ELECTIONS IN TASMANIA

Hobart, March 15. The Labour Prime Minister, Mr. Robert Corbridge, dissolved the Tasmanian House of Assembly today for an early election, possibly in mid-April.

He did so after the Assembly's Speaker, Mr. W. G. Weed, one of three Independents holding the balance of power in the House, had announced his intention to resign.—Reuter.

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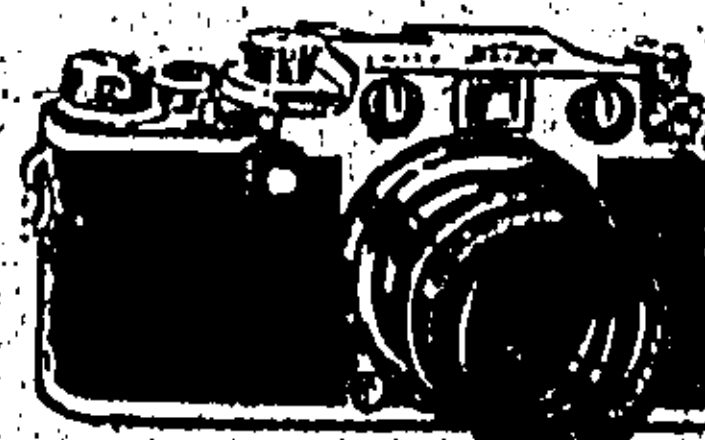
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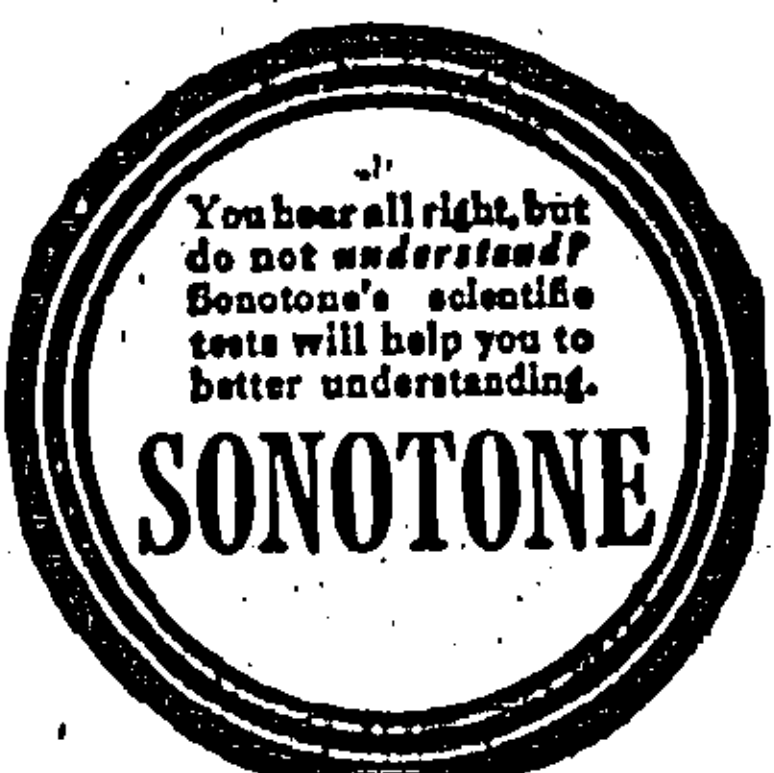
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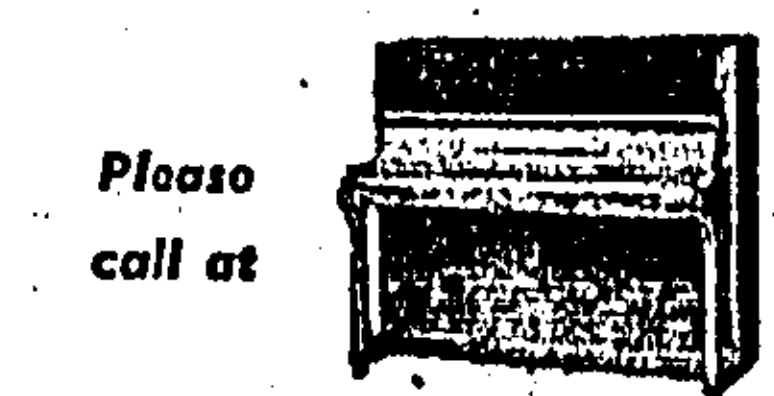
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Jessup returns to answer Senator's charge

New York, March 15.
The U.S. Ambassador At Large, Dr. Philip C. Jessup, returned from Europe by plane today to answer charges made before a Senate Investigating Committee that he had been friendly toward Communism.

Asked if there was any substance to the charge of Senator Joseph R. McCarthy, Wisconsin Republican, that there are Communists in the State Department, Dr. Jessup replied, "There is no substance to them at all."

He did not know whether he would appear before the Senate sub-committee investigating alleged Communist front activities in the Department. But he added, he had returned to be available if they wish him to appear.

He was accompanied by his wife.

Mr. John S. Service, U.S. diplomat denounced by Senator McCarthy, was ordered home from India today to testify in a new review of his loyalty record.

The State Department announced that Mr. Service was recalled on the recommendation of the U.S. Civil Service Loyalty Review Board. The Department, which had previously cleared Mr. Service, emphasized that his recall does not mean he is under any new suspicion, but that it is thought desirable that he should speak for himself.

Although only 40, Mr. Service is a veteran officer in the U.S. diplomatic service. He was Foreign Policy Adviser to General Douglas MacArthur in Japan in 1945, and during the war was attached as Political Officer in General Joseph W. Stilwell in the China-Burma-India theatre from 1943 to 1945.

Senator McCarthy told a Senate Investigating Committee on Tuesday: "I earnestly request that this Committee ascertain immediately if Mr. Service was not considered as a bad security risk by the Loyalty Review Board of the Civil Service Commission in a decision handed down on March 3 of this year."

Senator McCarthy also declared the Civil Service Board had recommended that the State Department Loyalty Board which had previously cleared Mr. Service should not be permitted to sit on his case again.

No disagreement

But the State Department Press Officer, Lincoln White, said today:

"The Civil Service Board did not disagree with the State Department Loyalty Review Board's findings (clearing Mr. Service). Nor did it recommend that the case be submitted to a new panel."

Mr. White said the Civil Service Board merely stated that the State Department's own previous investigation of Mr. Service should have included his personal appearance.

Mr. White said the Board's recommendation does not mean that Mr. Service is under any new suspicion, and he told reporters: "We assume the Board thinks that Mr. Service should have an opportunity to speak for himself."

Mr. Service is now en route by ship to Calcutta to take up a new assignment as Secretary in the American Embassy at New Delhi. He will return to this country immediately by plane.

Senator McCarthy, expanding his allegations of reds in the State Department, told a Senate Foreign Relations Sub-committee on Tuesday that Mr. Service's leanings toward Communism are crystal clear.—Associated Press.

CIVILIANS CAUGHT BY BURMA WAR

Rangoon, March 15.
The Indian Embassy has received a radio message from civilians trapped inside the rebel-held city of Toungoo expressing fear for their safety.

The message said that 2,000 civilians in the city taken by Karens 180 miles North of Rangoon are greatly worried over their plight. The civilians include Indians, Pakistanis, Britons and Americans.—Associated Press.

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Indian note to Portugal on Goa

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The Indian Press has repeatedly stated that Goa must be returned to India.—United Press.

BAKERS STRIKE

Paris, March 15.
Master bakers stoked ovens and baked unaided in thousands of Parisian bakeries today after 5,000 assistants went on strike.

The strikers, all belonging to the Communist-led General Confederation of Labour, represent about half the bakers' assistants of France. They claim a cost of living bonus of 3,000 francs a month and special allowances for night and Sunday work.

Gas pressure in the city is still low as the result of the six-day strike despite requisitioning of key workers. Steel plant owners said that about 500 strikers returned in their industry today but there are still 60,000 out. Reuter.

London, March 15.
Sir Edward Galt, aged 86, who held many Government posts in India, died today.—Associated Press.

MINISTER REVIEWS MALAYA CAMPAIGN

London, March 15.
Since the start of the anti-Communist campaign in Malaya 1,115 terrorists have been killed, 358 wounded, 644 captured and about 350 have surrendered, Mr. John Dugdale, Minister of State for the Colonies, told Parliament today.

Security forces had made 700 operations against the terrorists in the last three months, he added.

The Anti-Bandit Month, which began on February 20, had mobilised nearly 500,000 volunteers of all communities in a concerted and intensive effort in support of the offensive against terrorists, he said.

Air Commodore Arthur Harvey (Conservative) asked why it had only at this late stage been decided to send out additional troops and aircraft. If they were necessary now, were they not necessary months ago?

Mr. Dugdale replied, "No. It had been decided after having seen how far the anti-bandit campaign went, what degree of success it had, and, seeing the difficulties, that it would be as well to send out this extra brigade."

The brigade would, in fact, enable those troops who had already done such gallant work to have some rest and recuperation. This was very necessary after this campaign but it would not have

been necessary a month or two ago.

Mr. Oliver Stanley, former Conservative Colonial Secretary, asked whether the Minister was really satisfied that these additional reinforcements would be all that would be required.

Final needs

"We cannot forget that on a previous occasion when we pressed for reinforcements to be sent we were told that they were quite unnecessary, and within a month or two they had to be sent," he said.

"Will you go into the matter very carefully and see if these are the final requirements of the military?" he asked.

Mr. Dugdale: "We are satisfied that they are the final requirements."

Mr. Barnett Janner, Labour, pressed for some recognition of the exceptional services given by rubber planters in Malaya.

Mr. Dugdale replied that many rubber planters, in common with

Gubitchev to leave U.S.

New York, 15.
Valentin Gubitchev, sentenced recently to 15 years' imprisonment for espionage, today notified the Federal Judge, Mr. Sylvester J. Ryan, that he will sail for Russia on Monday.

Mr. Ryan agreed to suspend Gubitchev's sentence if he leaves America within two weeks next to return.

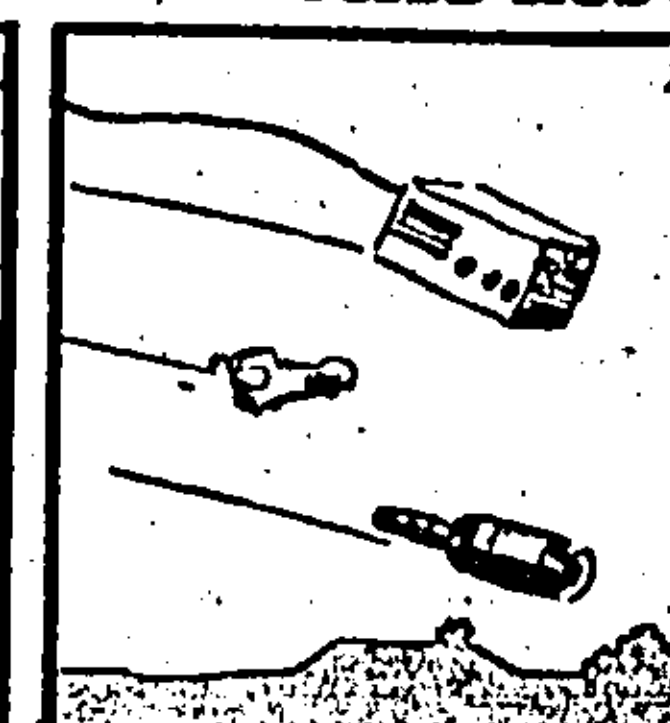
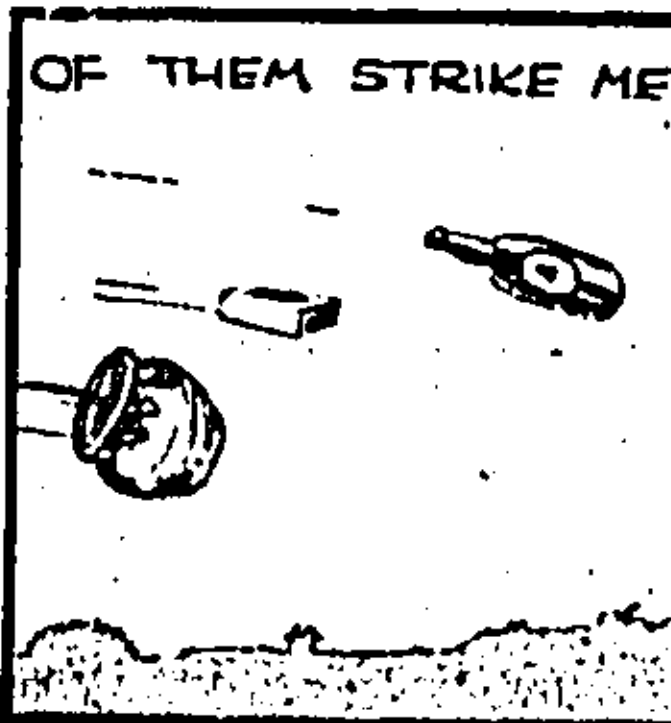
Last night Gubitchev's lawyers said that plans had been changed after he had agreed to leave because the Government insisted on his giving up the right of appeal if he left America.

The 30-year-old Russian engineer was sentenced with a former U. S. Justice Department employee, Judith Coplon, who received a similar sentence.—Reuter.

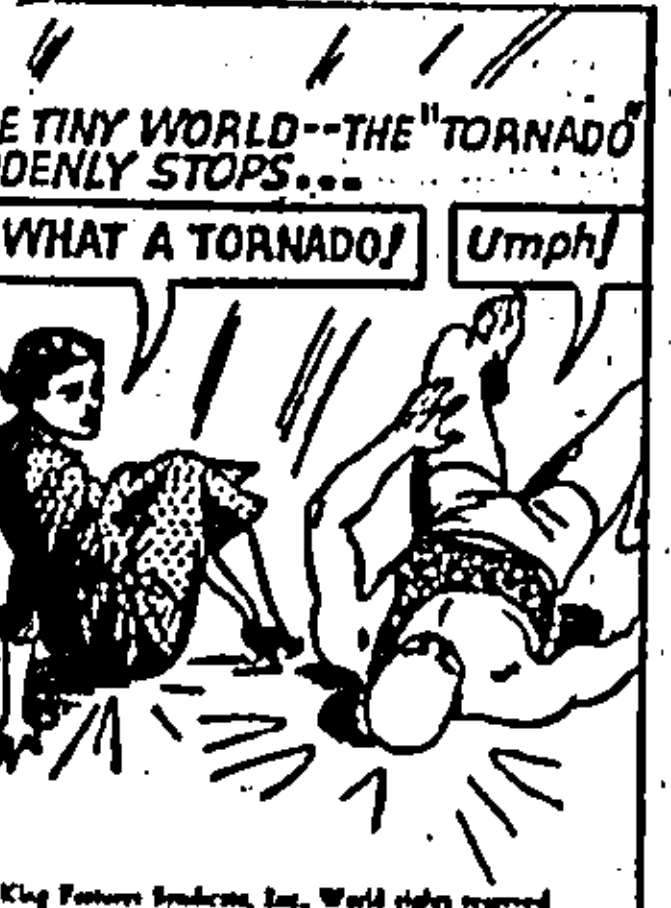
others, had suffered serious hardship.

The British Government had great admiration for the courage they had shown in the face of terrorist attacks. The High Commissioner, in making his recommendations for recognition of public service in the Federation, had been paying full regard to the claims of this section of the population.—Reuter.

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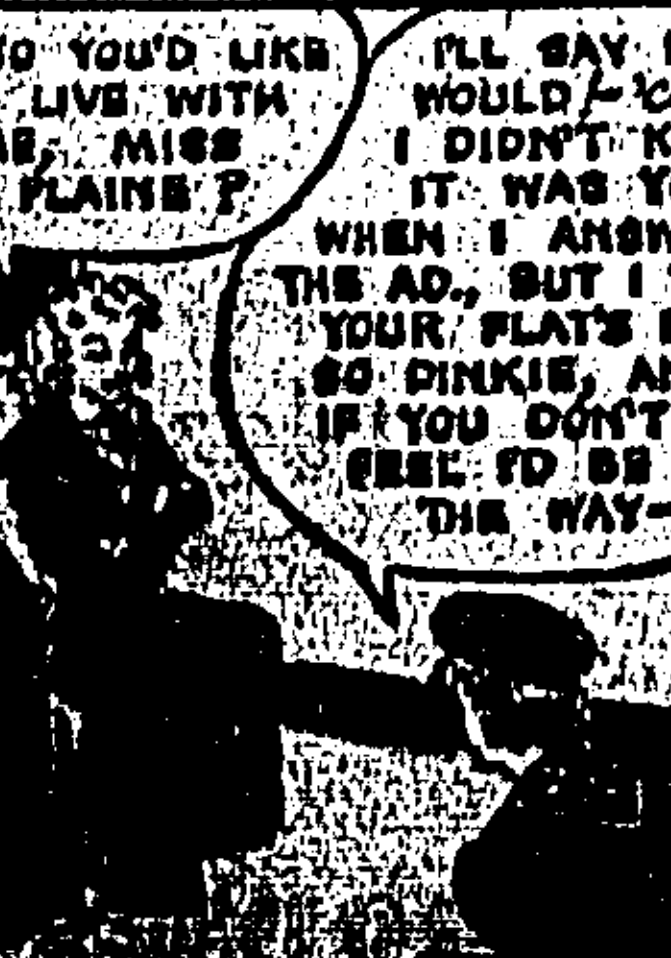
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Washington, March 15.

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HUNT FOR A MEDIATOR

New York, March 15.

Leading Members of the Security Council are busy today on the job of selecting a United Nations representative to act as Mediator in the Kashmir dispute. Immediately after the Security Council had passed the joint resolution appointing the Mediator, the four sponsoring powers, Britain, the United States, Norway and Cuba, met yesterday to confer on the next step. India, in accepting the resolution, had made it clear that the Mediator should be a person acceptable to India. It was learned that both Sir Benegal Narsing Rau, the chief Indian representative, and Sir Mohammed Zafarullah Khan, the Pakistan Foreign Minister, had been requested by the President of the Council, Dr. Homero La Fronto, to be available for consultations during the course of the day.

Indian sources said that no names had yet been officially proposed for the post of Mediator. Some surprise was caused, meanwhile, by suggestions in the Press here that a certain plan had gained strength. The "New York Times" this morning said: "The United States, without doing any pressing, is reported to be favourable to the idea of Admiral Chester Nimitz (ex-Mediator). Pakistan is also said to lean towards the Admiral, because of his prestige and the fact that demilitarisation might demand a man with a military background. "One plan reported to have gained strength was to have both Admiral Nimitz and Dr. Ralph Bunche go to Kashmir. The Admiral would be in overall charge and Dr. Bunche would supervise the handling of specific problems standing in the way of the plebiscite."—Reuters.

Controlled exports
"United States Government 'advice' to MacArthur is to set up controls over a wide range of Japanese goods of potential military value.

"MacArthur can let such goods move into Communist China and North Korea if he is satisfied they are needed for normal civilian requirements. He can forbid their export if he thinks they are wanted for stockpiling or transshipment to Russia. "Among controlled exports will be such products as steel rails, steel plates, boiler plates, boiler tubes, generators, copper wire, locomotives and mining machinery. "Goods of direct military value will be forbidden to move into Communist-controlled areas. Goods that are harmless from the security standpoint will be exported freely to whatever extent

the Communists are ready to buy and pay for them. "It has taken the Administration almost six months to agree to a Japanese export policy although MacArthur asked for Government 'advice' as a matter of urgency long ago. The question had to be settled on what are called 'highest levels,' and President Truman himself took personal interest and helped solve it. "No more important decision about Japan has been taken since the surrender, for almost 40 per cent of Japan's exports before the war moved into what now are Communist-controlled areas.

A trick

"Today Japanese trade with the mainland while Japan maintains herself with the help of American appropriations. MacArthur and most other officials concerned are convinced Japan cannot recover and become self-supporting without restoring some of her former markets and supply sources on the continent. But other officials here were hesitant about giving MacArthur the go-ahead signal for Japanese goods would build up the war-making power of the Soviet Union. "Complicating the problem was the fact that the U.S. technically cannot give orders to MacArthur, who is supposed to act on behalf of the Allied powers, including Russia."

The brief State Department statement said: "It is traditional policy of the United States Government to favour trade between the United States and all countries of the world. For some time the (U.S.) Commerce Department has been applying essential security controls over certain exports to all destinations except Canada. "To that list of exports there were added, on March 3, eight certain other exports on which controls will be applied to all destinations except the Western Hemisphere. The U.S. Government does not prevent exports from this country to Communist China for normal civilian use in China. It is our understanding that exports from Japan to Communist China are governed by similar principles."—Associated Press.

CARDINAL IN BAD HEALTH

Vatican City, March 15.

The well-informed Catholic news agency Ari said today that the health of Hungary's imprisoned Catholic Primate, Josef Cardinal Mindszenty, has become worse recently. The Cardinal is suffering from Basedow's disease, a goiter ailment which causes protruding eyeballs and accompanying spells of delirium.

The illness was caused by strong drugs administered to make him declare things contrary to his conscience, Ari said. The Cardinal is in the hospital of a Budapest prison, and the Communist Hungarian Government has refused to release him on his condition.

Ari said, "It is believed that the Hungarian Government feels the Cardinal may die in prison, and has already attempted to cure him by sending him to the mountains of Slovakia, but now has decided to try a new cure in the prison hospital."

The Cardinal was sentenced to a life term on anti-State charges. —United Press.

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RE: S.S. "BENLEDI"

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

Latest information received regarding the fire casualty indicates all cargo in holds Nos. 2, 2A, 3, 4 and 5 to be a total loss except, possibly, some scrap value in steel bars, etc.

Cargo in No. 1 hold is only partially damaged to an extent which can only be determined after discharge but it is expected that values are likely to be substantially absorbed by salvage charges. Details of this cargo have been air-mailed and consignees of same will be informed individually.

All consignees are hereby advised that "Benledi" voyage is abandoned also that proceeds from salvaged cargo are likely to be small. Cargo underwriters should be notified accordingly.

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Radio Hong Kong broadcasts on a frequency of 815 kilocycles per second and on 9.22 megacycles per second in the 21 metre band.

M.K.T.

P.M.

10.45—Cerebral Parade of 40th Division—Sik Kong, N.T.	11.15—Roman Catholic Prayers Given by the Rev. Father R. W. Gallagher, S. J. (Studio)	11.30—"Hong Kong Calling"—Programme Summary	11.35—Irish Rhythms—Frank McDonald (Tenor) The Uplift Singers The Irish Rhythms Choir Cond. by David Curry. (BBC/TS)	1.00—David Rose and His Orch.	1.15—News, Weather report and Announcements.	1.25—Interlude	1.30—Lunch Time Programme.	2.00—Close Down.	6.00—"Hong Kong Calling"—Programme Summary.	6.05—Childrens Half Hour—Presented by Elizabeth Anne. (Studio)	6.30—"Cantonese by Radio"—Given by Miss Lee Wei Lan, and Mr. S. K. Lee. (Studio)	6.50—Songs by John McCormack. (Tenor)	7.00—World News and News Analysis. (London Relay)	7.15—"From the Editorials"—The Voice of America.	7.45—Studio Recital—Jan. Hui (Tenor) With Piano Accompaniment by Betty Downer.	8.00—"From the Editorials"—(London Relay)	8.10—"Services Quia"—Question Master: Kenneth Mackenzie. (Studio)	8.30—"Musical Lovers Hour"—Classical and Light Classical Request Programme. Presented by Yvonne Charter. (Studio)	8.50—"Far from the Madding Crowd"—A Western Comedy by Thomas Hardy. (BBC/TS)	10.00—Radio News Reel. (London Relay)	10.15—Weather Report.	10.15—"Composers of the Week"—Dellus.	10.30—Light Orchestral Selections. (London Relay Recorded).	10.45—"Come into the Parlour"—Music and Songs from Northern Ireland. (BBC/TS)	11.15—Weather Report, World News and News Analysis. (London Relay Recorded). God Save the King.	11.30—Close Down.
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Rediffusion

A.M.

7.00—Up With The Sun.	7.15—Musical Club.	7.45—Ed. A. Keller Show.	8.00—News & Weather Forecast.	8.15—St. Patrick's Day Show.	8.30—Random Rhythm.	8.45—"A Programme for Women."	9.00—Morning Music.	9.30—Console & Keyboard.	10.00—Musical for All.	11.00—Airline Melodies.	11.30—Parade of Rhythm.
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P.M.

12.15—Tune Time.	12.30—Dance Music.	1.00—Singer.	1.15—News.	1.30—Music For You.	2.00—Friday Concert.	4.00—Slim Bryant and His Wildcats.	4.15—Today's Choice.	4.30—Vocally Yours.	5.00—Music Makers.	5.15—Childrens Corner.	5.30—Harmony Hall.	5.45—Radio Headlines.	6.00—Kindness of Swing.	6.15—Song of the Islands.	6.30—"It's Great Day For The Irish"	6.45—Do You Remember?	7.00—B.B.C. News.	7.10—Local News.	7.15—Candlelight and Silver.	8.00—Romantic Cycle.	8.15—The Sweetwood Serenaders.	8.30—Allen Roth's Symphony of Melody.	8.45—Local News.	9.15—Ding Dong.	9.30—"Cheerio Time"	10.00—"Three Magic Words"	10.15—B.B.C. Scottish Orchestra.	11.15—"The Jazz Club"	11.45—Starlight.	12.00—Close Down.
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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

Consignees per

BARBER-WILHELMSEN LINE

m.v. "TALLEYRAND"

are hereby notified that their cargo is being discharged into the Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co's godown where it will be at consignees risk and subject to the Wharf's terms and conditions of storage, and where delivery may be obtained.

Damaged packages are to be left in the godowns for examination by Consignees and the Company's surveyors, Messrs. Goddard & Douglas at 10 a.m. on March 20, 1950.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations, consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the steamer's godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after March 21, 1950 will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before March 28, 1950 or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

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"CANTON"	18th Mar. (4 p.m.)
"CANTON"	16th April
"CORFU"	18th May
"CANTON"	16th June
"CANTON"	14th July
"CANTON"	11th August
"CORFU"	8th September

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"BOISSEVAIN"	24th Mar.	10th Apr.
"STRAAT SOENDA"	10th Apr.	
"STRAAT MALAKKA"		4th May
"TEGELBERG"	12th May	1st June

JAPAN

"BERLAGE"	23rd Mar.	20th Mar.
"BOISSEVAIN"	26th Mar.	26th Mar.
"STRAAT SOENDA"	17th Apr.	17th Apr.
"STRAAT MALAKKA"	2nd May	17th May
"TEGELBERG"	31st May	18th May

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SHIP	ARRIVALS	SAILINGS
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JAPAN

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M.V. "BENGAL"	due 12th Apr.
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NOTICE TO PASSENGERS

SAILS: SATURDAY, the 18th MARCH at 4 P.M. for the United Kingdom via Straits, Colombo, Bombay, Aden and Port Said.

BAGGAGE: ALL passenger baggage must be sent to the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf Co.'s Godown at No. 2 Gate, Canton Road Entrance by NOON on FRIDAY, the 17th MARCH.

SPECIAL NOTE: With the exception of hand packages carried by passengers themselves all BAGGAGE must pass through the Wharf Co.'s Godown for loading on board by ship's crew only.

EMBARKATION: Will take place between 1.30 P.M. and 3.30 P.M. on SATURDAY, the 18th MARCH.

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FINANCE AND COMMERCE

BRITISH STAND ON PAYMENTS SYSTEM

Hong Kong Stock Exchange

There is no change to report.

H.K. GOVT. LOANS

4 1/2% Loan (1951 & 1952) 98 1/2

5 1/2% Loan (1951 & 1952) 98 1/2

H.K. & S. Bank 12 1/2

(Long Rec.) 23 1/2

Chartered Bank Ex. Div. 29 1/2

Bank of East Asia 10 1/2

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London, March 15. A Treasury official tonight described as nonsense reports from Washington that Britain had asked the United States to guarantee her against gold and dollar losses resulting from British participation in the projected European Payments Union.

It is well known that Britain wants to delay the time and reduce the amount of gold and dollar settlements under the scheme. But this could hardly be described as asking for an American guarantee.

Since Britain has achieved an overall export surplus with the world as a whole and particularly with the continental countries of the Organisation for European Economic Co-operation which would be in the European Payments Union she stands to gain from the Union more than the \$150,000,000 which would be deducted from her share of Marshall Aid to form the reserve fund of the Union. Certainly, she should not gain less from it.

A Paris report that Britain's accession to the Union might cause another devaluation of Sterling is described by some London bankers as rubbish. At Sterling's present devalued rate, they point out, Britain is the cheapest supplier of many exports, including the vitally important steel.

There is ample evidence that Sterling is putting pressure on many countries. Some of them who thought they had sterling to burn have, instead, found themselves running short of it.

Washington reports that Europe might have to form a discrimination bloc against American trade also regarded as out of taste. It can be demonstrated from trade and Marshall statistics that the world's dollar gap is closing. From the beginning of the year the world has certainly had a surplus of dollars. This is self-evident.

Britain's gold and dollar reserves have continued to rise strongly.

U.S. opinion

The reported British desire for a guarantee against losses in gold and dollars has led some United States officials in Washington to regard somewhat un sympathetically the British attitude towards the Payments Union.

These officials stress that the ultimate goal must be the convertibility into dollars of the currencies of Britain and the other Marshall Plan countries. They do not wish the Payments Union to be used merely as a means of balancing off the current trade accounts of the Marshall Plan countries with dollars supplied by the ECA.

The Union is being formed by the United States Marshall Plan Administration with a view to encouraging the greater economic integration of Europe and a solution of inter-European payment difficulties.

Some American officials are critical of Britain's bilateral trading methods and interpret the recent British memorandum as an indication of Britain's unwillingness to take the risks involved in the multilateral trading implicit in the European Payments Union.

But opinions differ on whether the building up of a single European trading system will prove to be a step towards or a step away from dollar convertibility.

The question is asked whether the economic unification of Europe might end by becoming a unification against trade with the United States because of their united desire to save dollars—Reuters.

POPULATION OF SINGAPORE

Singapore, March 15. Singapore's population is increasing by leaps and bounds. There were four births to every death in Singapore last year, according to official figures. Last year 46,169 babies were registered, and deaths totalled 11,021 in the same period.

Chinese topped the birth and death register, with 36,322 births and 8,740 deaths. Then came Malays, Indians, Eurasians and Europeans, in that order—Associated Press.

Britain to ease up on oil cuts

Washington, March 15. Britain has agreed to ease up on her plan to cut drastically dollar oil imports to the Soviet Union, Mr. Tom Connolly, Senator and Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said today.

Senator Connolly said that ECA officials told him that the British Government have modified their stand—Reuters.

Ship movements

SS. President Monroe Voy-24 (American President Lines) sailed from San Francisco on March 11 for Hong Kong via Honolulu, Yokohama, Kobe and Tokyo, and is due to arrive in Hong Kong on April 5 and sail for Manila, Singapore, Penang, Colombo, Ceylon, Bombay, Karachi, Suez, Port Said, Alexandria, Naples, Marseilles, Genoa, Leghorn, New York and Boston.

The ss. Pioneer Lake, Voy. 7-04 is due to arrive here at noon today. She will be moored to Buoy A-1 for discharging/loading of her cargo. The vessel is expected to sail for Fusan/Manila tomorrow afternoon.

San Francisco, March 15. Ship arrival, General Nelson M. Walker from Okinawa. Departure on Tuesday, Pacific Transport for Manila—Associated Press.

WORLD RUBBER CONSUMPTION

Washington, March 15. World new rubber consumption in January was 165,000 tons, the Commerce Department said, of which 127,500 tons was natural and 37,500 tons synthetic rubber.

January production was 160,000 tons, of which 127,500 tons was natural and 32,500 tons synthetic rubber.

The total reflects lowered January shipments from Indonesia, totaling 17,050 tons, compared with 23,437 tons in December, the Department said—Associated Press.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

M/V. "MANGARELLA"

Having arrived Hong Kong consignees of cargo are hereby notified that all goods have been landed and placed at their risk and expense into the godowns of the China Provisional L. & M. Ltd. where delivery may be obtained as soon as the goods are landed.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the godowns or failure to attend the survey.

All broken, chafed and damaged goods are to be left in the godown where they will be examined in the presence of Messrs. Goddard and Douglas on March 20, 1950, at 10 a.m.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations, consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when examining damaged dutiable goods. All claims against the vessel must be presented to the undersigned within fourteen days of the ship's arrival, or they will not be recognized.

No fire insurance will be effected.

WALLEN & CO.
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Hong Kong, March 14, 1950.

New York Stock Exchange

New York, March 15. A surge of fresh buying power gave the stock market its sharpest gain in nearly two years today. Market value of all listed stocks jumped by around one billion dollars.

More than 100 issues were sold at new high prices for the year. The general level of prices climbed to a mark not reached since August 1949. Key issues stepped ahead by fractions to round two points. Gains of a point or more were plentiful. Transfers, 1,030,000 shares.

Brokers called it an investment instead of a speculative market. A total of 701 stocks advanced and 143 declined. Gainers included Allied Chemical, U.S. Steel, U.S. Rubber, U.S. Gypsum, General Motors, Chrysler and Douglas Aircraft.

Dow Jones averages: Stocks 75.04; 20 Industrials 207.40; 15 Rails 56.05; 10 Utilities 43.47.

Closing quotations:
Adams Express 2 1/2
Alaska Juneau 3
American Can 1 1/2
" Smelting 5 1/2
" Telephone 150 3/4
" Tobacco 7 3/4
" Waterworks 9 3/4

Anacosta Copper 20 1/2
Aviation Corp. 7 1/2
Baldwin Locomotive 1 1/2
Bernsdall 50 1/2
Bendix Aviation 4 1/2
Bethlehem Steel 3 1/2
Boeing Aircraft 28 1/2
Borden Co. 5 1/2
Canadian Pacific 14 1/2
J. I. Case 4 1/2
Chrysler 65 1/2
Colgate 46 1/2
Commercial Solvent 17 1/2
Coca-Cola 69
Du Pont 63
Eastman Kodak 47
General Electric 48 1/2
General Motors 70 1/2

Goodyear 33 1/2
Goodyear 50 1/2
Homestead Mining 44 1/2
International Harvester 26 1/2
" Paper 36 1/2
" Tel. & Tel. 11 1/2
Johns Manville 48
Kennecott Copper 52 1/2
Montgomery Ward 56 1/2
National Distillers 22 1/2
" Lead 38 1/2
New York Central 13 1/2
Packard Motors 3 1/2
Pan American Airways 10 1/2
Pennsylvania RR 18
Radio Corp. 14 1/2
Real Silk 11 1/2
Remington Rand 14 1/2
Republic Steel 27
Reynolds Tobacco 30 1/2
Schlumberger 31 1/2
Sears Roebuck 44
Shell Oil 38 1/2
Socoma Vacuum 17
Southern Pacific 52 1/2
Standard Brands 23
" Oil of Calif. 64 1/2
" Oil of N. J. 68 1/2

Studebaker 28 1/2
Union Bag 28 1/2
" Carbide 43 1/2
US Rubber 43 1/2
" Steel 32
" Lines 10 1/2
Westinghouse 34 1/2
Youngstown Sheet & Tube 81 1/2
Gen. Pub. Utilities 17 1/2
Higher in the Curb were New Jersey Zinc, Barium Steel, Raytheon Manufacturing, Continental Foundry and American Manganese. Railway issues attracted moderate support in the bond market—Associated Press.

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"General Gordon"	Arr. Mar. 18	Sails Mar. 18
"President Cleveland"	Arr. Apr. 14	Sails Apr. 14
"President Wilson"	Arr. May 3	Sails May 3

TO SAN FRANCISCO & LOS ANGELES via JAPAN

"President Harrison"	Arr. Apr. 4	Sails Apr. 4
"President McKinley"	Arr. Apr. 13	Sails Apr. 13

TO NEW YORK, BALTIMORE & BOSTON via PACIFIC COAST & PANAMA

"Marine Snapper"	Arr. Mar. 19	Sails Mar. 20
"President Johnson"	Arr. Apr. 15	Sails Apr. 16

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"Mount Mansfield"	Arr. Mar. 20	Sails Mar. 21
"President Monroe"	Arr. Apr. 5	Sails Apr. 6

TO JAVA & STRAITS

"President Fillmore"	Arr. Apr. 8	Sails Apr. 9
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SHIP FROM THE ITALY

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SHIP	FROM	OUR
"BENVENUE"	U.K. via Singapore.	19th Mar.
"BENVANNOCCH"		21st Apr.
"BENLAVERA"		31st Mar.
"BENATTOW"		17th Apr.
"BENNEVIS"		20th Apr.
"BENCRAACHAN"		30th Apr.
"BENWYVIL"		9th May

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Money Market

US dollars climbed back yesterday to HK\$6.39 after opening at \$6.37. These were the highest and lowest rates of the day.

TT opened at HK\$6.40 and closed at \$6.403.

Sterling was stationary at HK\$13.45, and also near Australian pounds at HK\$13.30.

Plastres were unchanged at HK\$12.50 a 100.

NEI Guilders climbed back to HK\$22.50 a 100, after Wednesday's 20-cent drop.

LONDON STOCKS

London, March 15. The start of the new semi-monthly trading period brought a few changes to stock market quotations today. Oil-edged stocks were firmer and steel shares went ahead on the strength of favourable yearly reports by several companies.

Many foreign bonds showed fractional gains while industrial shares had irregular movements. Financial Times index 1042. Associated Press.

NY RUBBER

New York, March 15. Crude rubber number one futures closed today at 17 1/2. Higher. Sales were 100 contracts.

MESSAGERIES MARITIMES

ARRIVALS FROM

"PHIAN HUU CHI" Halphong 26th Mar.
"RINGER" Europe 8th Apr.
"CHAMPOLLION" Marseilles 8th May

SAILINGS TO

PASSENGER/FREIGHT SERVICE

"CHAMPOLLION" Marseilles via Manila 8th May
"LA MARSEILLAISE" Yokohama & Kobe 30th May
"LA MARSEILLAISE" Marseilles via Manila 10th June

FREIGHT SERVICE

"THEOGENNITOR" N. Africa & Europe 14th Apr.
"STE MERE EGLISE" N. Africa & Europe 15th May

FOR PORT SAID, TUNIS, MARSEILLES, ALGIERS, ORAN, TANGIER, CASABLANCA, HAYRE, DUNKIRK, ANTWERP & ROTTERDAM.

"PIGNEAU DE BEHAINE" Saigon 29th Mar.
"RINGER" Saigon 12th Apr.

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m.v. "LISHOLT" sails about 18th Mar. 1950.

m.v. "IGADI" sails about 8th Apr. 1950.

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M.S. "GRETE MAERSK" Mar. 26
M.S. "OLGA MAERSK" Apr. 9

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Shipping Arrivals

YESTERDAY

Flying Cloud (Patillon) ex-Pusan (Koh)
Jap. Reg. (Johann) ex-Seattle
Pioneer Lake (UHL) ex-Seattle
Van Heuts (RIL) ex-Singapore
Van Heuts (RIL) ex-Singapore

TODAY

Gateway City (Wallen) ex-Atlantic Coast
Jap. Reg. (Johann) ex-Seattle
Pioneer Lake (UHL) ex-Seattle
Van Heuts (RIL) ex-Singapore
Van Heuts (RIL) ex-Singapore

TOMORROW

General Gordon (APL) ex-San Francisco
Kulung (Jardine) ex-Seattle
Pioneer Lake (UHL) ex-Seattle
Van Heuts (RIL) ex-Singapore
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Shipping Departures

YESTERDAY

Breconshire (Jardine) for Kobe
Johann (Wah Yee Hong) for Hattow
Kulung (Jardine) for Seattle
Pioneer Lake (UHL) for Seattle
Van Heuts (RIL) for Singapore

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